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AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY PARTY BRANCHES AND DISTRICTS TO THE DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTION "BRITAIN'S FUTURE"

1 INTRODUCTION

Line 11–36. Delete; substitute:

THE NECESSITY TO INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE FOR HIGHER WAGES AND SHORTER HOURS

The Cabinet of the Labour Government:

Congress must take notice of the political and social consequences of the September Conference of the Labour Party.

The Conference was a victory for the policies of the Cabinet of the Government and of the right-wing leadership of the trade union movement. In spite of resistance by representatives of two and a half million trade unionists to provisions of the National Plan, in spite of the known views of opposition to the Plan held by a minority of Labour M.P's, the Cabinet drove its resolution through the Conference.

The Cabinet, many officials of the Labour Party, and those T.U. who support it, know very well what the operation of the Plan will mean in material deprivation to wage earners, but, by continuing to exploit the support they have been awarded by the National Press, the television and radio, they have undoubtedly persuaded millions of uninformed people that Cabinet policy will be legislated in the best interests of the nation. There is no conflict, runs the argument of Wilson, Brown, Callaghan and Gunter, between wage-earning and capital-owning that cannot be resolved by self-disciplined negotiation among men of goodwill. But the Communist Party understands that these four men and their colleagues are the enemies of the British people and act to the advantage of big business and the monopolies—and for the foreign owners of increasing investment in Britain. These are men who act in the guise of socialism but in reality work consistently in the interests of imperialism.

The leaders of the Labour Party took control of the Cabinet at a time when the negotiating power in law of the T.U. Movement had been put in doubt by the Rookes-Barnard judgement. Prior to the election these leaders had allowed it to be implied in the press and in the movement itself that on the Labour Party's assumption of power, union rights to negotiate would be secured by statute. Far from seeing this is done the Cabinet now propose to arm the Prices and Incomes Board (staffed in its senior positions by known Conservatives and Industrial executives) with legal weapons which would limit the bargaining rights of workers. The aim is to stop them getting the highest price for their one commodity—labour. It was pointed out in the Conference that should the Conservatives return to power then a terrible means would be ready at hand to destroy militant unionism. This real fear of an attack by owners of capital on the working class movement is laughed away by Callaghan. He says the British people "should not be stupid enough to return the Tories". We should point out that this blackmail serves also as a dual attack on the left-wing of the Parliamentary Labour Party and the left Labour voter—the threat "not to rock the boat". *The Labour Leaders will attack the Militant Working Class:*

The ground for the attack is now prepared. The target of these leaders, serving capital owners, is the militant working class. A distinction is now made between the "official" and the "unofficial" parts of the unions. It is useful to understand its meaning. On the one hand, many of the union leaderships, e.g. of the Engineers, the Teachers, the Railwaymen, the Postmen, the Seamen, have held up the material advance of their members by submitting

them to unfavourable arbitration. They have settled for awards which by the time they are paid in the week's wages are already insufficient to keep pace with rising living costs because of the great length of time taken in bargaining. On the other hand, site militancy and the right to fight the decisions of the right-wing leaders in the unions, organised by shop stewards, has united workers, has increased the amount of money for them; it has time after time demonstrated the traitorous conduct of numbers of the leaderships. These leaderships, though faced with rank and file demand for increased pay and shorter hours, retreated at the point of negotiation.

The publicised reasons which the Cabinet gives for its attack on wages is: The "Protection of the Pound". The Cabinet, and the public commentators in servility to it, make the cynical assumption that peoples are not educated to the subtleties of politics. The "protection", which is the business of the directors of the Bank of England and of the Prices and Incomes Board, is presented always as the principal aim of Government economic policy.

In pursuance of this, attacks are being made upon the living standards of the working people. Once again the working class is called upon to solve the problems of capitalism. These attacks are made at the behest of foreign bankers and financial concerns who demand that Britain "pay its way", that is, reduce its cost of production: the greatest of these costs is wages.

No number of appeals for self-restraint on the part of workers, nor high-sounding forecasts of an increase in prosperity before various predicted dates, can remove from them the necessity to wage bitter industrial war. The most effective means for workers to maintain and improve living standards is

to campaign successfully for higher wages and shorter hours.

The Point of Resistance and the Counter Attack:

The very weight of the attack on the militant and partly organised working class reveals the crucial nature of this form of struggle. It also shows the importance accorded to it by the class making the attack. The ruling class is at its weakest not in its control of the organs of government and repression, not in its ability to bend young minds and the minds of the uninformed but precisely at the point where it must reap profit from an industry which is of necessity staffed by massive numbers of workers.

The militant organisation of these workers which now includes tens of thousands of coloured workers, tens of thousands of workers such as scientists, draughtsmen and teachers, removed varying distances from the point of production, this must be the principal task of the Party in the coming period.

We must pay the closest attention to Party work in places of work, supporting and expanding the unofficial movement within the unions, raise the economic struggle so that workers understand the political consequences of militancy. The writers of our propaganda must not shy away from the explanation of the links between the Cabinet of the Labour Government and the imperialists.

We must, as a start, attempt to organise the struggle against legislation which will arm the Prices and Incomes Board. We must make sure that this work is carried out on the site, in the unions, among members of the councils, with whom we are in contact, and wherever possible among members of the Labour Party itself.

At the present time we proclaim that Britain needs Communist government. This is no longer enough. We must begin to demonstrate it. Open Party support for militancy in the struggle on pay and hours, correct and widely circulated analysis of the struggle, and the identification of this Government not as misguided men who can be persuaded to change their attitude, but as implacable enemies of the working class, men on whom the effect of the struggle will be to move them to more energetic support of Britain's rulers, all this will begin to generate among the people's confidence in our Party.

EARLSFIELD (LONDON)

2

Line 1. Delete "new" and insert "socialist".

NORWOOD (LONDON)

3

Line 1. Delete "Britain" and insert "The Labour Movement".

EAST ISLINGTON (LONDON)

4

Line 1-4. Delete and insert: "In our election statements last year we warned that a policy based on support of U.S. Imperialism and the cold war would only intensify the crisis which Britain faced. Experience of the first year of the Labour Government has proved this to be true".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

5

Line 2. Delete "After . . . new path", insert:

"This Labour Government, the fourth experienced by the British people, has once again demonstrated to the working-class that the Labour Party in practice performs the function of another capitalist Party, and we call on all workers with the aim of socialism to join or support the only Party of Socialism, the Communist Party."

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

6

Line 2. Delete all after "solved" and substitute:

"Therefore, this Congress, recognising our failure as a Party to represent and promote effectively the interests of the British workers on the basis of the policy embodied in "The British Road to Socialism", decides to reject the theory of "the peaceful transition to Socialism in the conditions of Britain".

Congress affirms that a direct appeal to the workers, particularly through factory and other industrial bases, is, contrasted with electoral work, by far the most important and urgent task of our Party.

Our Party, recognising that the British State and its organs, including Parliament, is the instrument of the British Ruling Class, therefore asserts that peaceful co-existence with the ruling class and its supporters in Britain and internationally, is a myth, until it can be imposed on the capitalists by the united action of revolutionary workers and allied progressive forces.

Our Party, fully understanding the aspirations of the Scottish and Welsh peoples and their growing discontent with subservience to the dominant capitalist authority of the City of London, recognises the need for Party organisational changes to meet this situation with a view to a federal relationship between the English, Scottish and Welsh memberships. To this end the members in each of the three countries to be separately consulted.

Congress therefore instructs the Executive Committee to refashion its general programme, its industrial organisation, its internal educational programme and its "Daily Worker" editorial policy in accord-

ance with the terms of this Political Resolution".

STOCKBRIDGE (SCOTLAND)

7

Line 2-4. Delete entire sentence "After a year . . . new path" and substitute:

"The British Labour Party in theory represents the working class and Socialist principles. But in practice, as is once more being demonstrated, they perform the function of another capitalist party. The only Socialist aims and principles are to be found in the Communist Party and we call on all workers with Socialist aims to support the Communist Party.

TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

8

Line 5-8. Delete and substitute the following:

"The most important task of the hour is for united action of all socialist, democratic and militant forces to compel the government to shift its policy to the left. What is at stake is not only the future of the Government, but the future of the movement."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

9

Line 6. Delete "solve" and insert "provide the basis for solving".

EAST ISLINGTON (LONDON)

1. WHY THE CRISIS?

10

Line 10. Delete first sentence.

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

11

Line 10. Before second sentence insert:

"The crisis in Britain is part of the general crisis of world capitalism."

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

12

Lines 10-45. Delete whole of Section One and substitute:

"WHY THE CRISIS?"

It is a crisis of British imperialism. For years successive governments have attempted by one expedient after another to make the economic system work, but whenever any of their financial controls seemed to be having the desired effect the crisis merely showed itself in a different form. At the moment this finds expression in the chronic balance of payments crisis, the three main reasons for which are the ever increasing arms expenditure, the scale of overseas military spending, and the high level of overseas financial investment. Even the prospective benefits of the last of these have been largely nullified by the volume of foreign investment in this country. Thus these measures, which were aimed at re-establishing London as a world banking and financial centre, have actually weakened rather than strengthened the position. The defence of British imperialism has been put under the wing of stronger imperialist powers (particularly the U.S.A.,

but increasingly looking towards a "United Europe" dominated by Western Germany). By so doing our country has been put in the power of the United States and in the greatest danger.

The problems of the capitalist system could be solved only if the capitalist world were expanding, but with the rising tide of national liberation it is in fact contracting. This is why the American rulers have threatened war on any state in the world which might want to leave the capitalist system.

This Congress reaffirms the view that Britain's economic crisis can be solved, but not on the basis of imperialist exploitation of other nations (whether alone or in concert with other powers), but by the abolition of capitalism, and its replacement with a socialist economic system."

WEMBLEY PARK (LONDON)

13

Line 11. After "Tory" insert "and Labour".

NORWOOD (LONDON)

14

Lines 12-15. After "interests" delete from: "It aims" to "rising" and substitute: "But British Imperialism's position in the world has changed, although this has been masked by intensified exploitation of former colonial peoples. The Government aims to maintain London as a great banking and financial centre and strengthen monopoly capitalism. This can be done only at the expense of the British people and is doomed to failure. The underdeveloped countries are beginning to break the grip of foreign monopolies and develop their independent economies."

KENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE
BECKENHAM, FENG (KENT)

15

Line 12. After "defend" insert "and extend".

KENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE

16

Line 14. After "monopoly capitalism" add:

"and preserve the parasitic economy of the country by reliance on the super-profits derived from the colonies and the newly independent states" at a time, etc.

NORWOOD (LONDON)

17

Line 15. After "when" insert:
"the world socialist system is becoming a decisive influence in world development and ..."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

18

Line 16. After "her" insert "economic".

NORWOOD (LONDON)

19

Lines 17-19. Delete this paragraph and substitute:

"This results in increased taxation of the people to support excessive military expenditure, in fostering the 'cold war' against the socialist countries, in approval of U.S. aggression in Vietnam, the waging of colonial wars 'East of Suez', the imposition of an incomes policy to restrain wages, continued inflation and attacks on the social services."

NORWOOD (LONDON)

20

Line 18. Delete "alliance . . . N.A.T.O." and insert:

"subservience to United States economic and political policies, involvement in N.A.T.O."

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

21

Line 18. Delete "in N.A.T.O."

BELSIZE/SOUTHEND
(LONDON)

22

Line 18. Delete "with" and insert "to".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

23

Line 19. After "in" add "and outside of".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

24

Line 21. Delete "three" and insert "four".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

25

Line 23. After "spending" insert "Government measures designed to help monopoly firms".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

26

Line 23. After "investment" add "of the big monopolists."

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

27

Line 23. Delete "and", add after "investment":

"which has also contributed to the relative technical backwardness of British industry."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

28

Line 23. Add after "financial investment" the following sentence:

"The defeat of the Tories was an important victory for the working class but those who voted" etc. to end of sentence.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

29

Line 24. Delete "Those who . . . failed to do so. It"

Insert: "The Labour Government".

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

30

Line 24. Delete "did so because . . . has failed to do so", and replace by "did so because they believed the Labour Party would rule to improve the conditions of

the working class. But it is not doing so".

CAMDEN BARTHOLOMEW (LONDON)
CAMDEN RAILS (LONDON)

31

Line 24. Delete "Those who voted" and insert: "Many who voted".

DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

32

Lines 24-25. Delete this sentence.

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS (S. EAST MIDLANDS)

33

Lines 24-26. Delete "Those who voted . . . It has failed to do so".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

34

Line 25. After "changes" add "but it has failed to do so."

Delete remainder to end of paragraph, and substitute:

"The Government is bent on class collaboration, which in our capitalist society means favouring the monopolists at the expense of the working people. Legislation is promulgated which will increase state intervention in wage negotiations and workshop democracy; steel renationalisation is excluded from the so-called 5-Year National Plan, which proposes no further inroads into the power and wealth of the monopolists and landowners."

NORWOOD (LONDON)

35

Line 25. Delete "They wanted it to make basic changes" and substitute:

"they wanted to break with Tory policies".

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

36

Line 26. Delete first sentence.

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

37

Line 26. Delete first sentence and substitute:

"This it has failed to do."

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

38

Line 26. Delete "It has continued . . . criticised." Insert:

"It has intensified the Tory imperialist policy and attacks on the working class, which Labour then criticised."

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

39

Line 26. Delete "It" and insert "The Labour Government . . ."

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

40

Lines 29-39. Delete from "The bank rate" to "professional sections."

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

41

Line 29. After "a" and before "great" insert "further". Delete "new".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

- 42 Lines 29-39. Delete.
BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 43 Line 31. Delete from "outweighing the" and insert "greatly reducing the value of".
HIGHGATE (LONDON)
- 44 Line 32. Delete lines after "changes" to line 34 inclusive, and substitute:
"The Government is carrying through a policy of deflation which involves abandoning real advance in the social services, holding back production and increasing unemployment."
SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 45 Line 33. Delete rest of paragraph after "abandoned".
BRIDLINGTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 46 Line 33. Delete from "All hopes of further" and insert: "Many proposed"
HIGHGATE (LONDON)
- 47 Line 33. Delete: "have . . . abandoned" Insert "are being threatened".
HITHER GREEN
FOREST HILL (LONDON)
- 48 Line 33. After " . . . been abandoned." Delete full stop and add:
"and existing services are seriously endangered".
WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 49 Lines 33-34. Delete "Industrial production is to be cut back" and insert "These steps, far from increasing production, will cut it back".
BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 50 Line 35. At end of sentence insert new para:
"A major onslaught is being unleashed on the trade union movement to weaken the wage fight and depress living standards."
FILTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 51 Line 35. At end of line add:
"It seeks through a policy of wage restraint and anti-Trade Union legislation to make the working people pay the price of imperialist policies."
SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 52 Line 36. Delete "endangers the future of Labour Government" and replace by "can create confusion and apathy among Labour supporters".
CAMDEN BARTHOLOMEW
CAMDEN RAILS (LONDON)
- 53 Line 36. Delete all after "nothing".
HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)
- 54 Line 36. Delete "It is a bankrupt . . . Government."
BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 55 Line 37. Add new sentence. "The Labour Government is now even going to prepare legislation to limit wage increases".
BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 56 Line 38. At end of sentence add:
"It is a policy leading the movement towards state-regulated trade unions under capitalism."
SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 57 Line 39. After "sections" add "and is inevitably leading to an increased abstention of Labour voters at the polls as they can see no benefits to the working class by putting in a Labour Government."
BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 58 Line 39. Delete "sections" and insert "workers".
BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 59 Lines 40-44. Omit whole paragraph and substitute:
"The crucial question is how the Party can best help organise the working class and its allies to defeat the capitalist policies operated by the Labour Government."
WIMBLEDON (SURREY)
- 60 Lines 40-44. Delete paragraph and insert the following:
"The record of the present Government has clearly demonstrated that it is following in the role of previous Labour Governments, that is to:
1. Allow the Tories, the main ruling class party, a rest from office to refurbish its policies and machinery;
2. Use its traditional support among the working class to impose policies upon the Labour movement which the Tories were unable to impose;
3. Make itself an instrument of the ruling class by confusing and dividing the Labour movement;
4. At the right time to allow the Tories to return to office.
The crucial question is whether the conflict will express itself in the positive form of a greatly strengthened fight for a change in policy, which can begin to take Britain along the road of the Socialist transformation of society which will basically solve the problems of the British people."
CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)
- 61 Lines 40-44. Delete and substitute:
"The Communist Party urges all the working people to instigate positive steps for the removal of Wilson and his reactionary partners from power; and replace them with people who undertake to
- implement recognisably truly Socialist principles."
- TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 62 Line 44. After "did in 1951" add:
"The Communist Party urges the rank and file of the Labour movement to take the immediate positive step of calling for the removal of Harold Wilson and the rest of the right wing leadership from the Government and to replace them by people who undertake:
(a) to call a halt to the betrayal of socialist principles, and
(b) to implement a policy of peace as foreign policy, and defeating the monopolists as the first step of a progressive home policy."
BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- ## II. THE NEED FOR A CHANGE
- 63 Line 47. Before "Labour" insert "Right-wing".
MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)
- 64 Line 49. Delete "The Tories can . . . crisis worse."
BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 65 Lines 49-51. Delete. Insert "Thirteen years of disastrous Tory Rule is responsible for the crisis confronting the country, but they say that Labour policies are now responsible for the crisis continuing".
HIGHGATE (LONDON)
- 66 Line 60. Insert full stop after word "system", delete remainder of paragraph.
SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)
- 67 Line 61. Before "Labour" insert "Right wing".
MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)
- 68 Line 62. Delete "towards the million mark" and insert:
"over the half million".
MIDDLETON (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)
- 69 Line 62. Delete "unemployment . . . recent years;" insert "unemployment has tended to increase in recent years, and in the winter of 1962-63 reached towards the million mark".
BARNET (LONDON)
- 70 Lines 62-63. Delete from "Unemployment . . . years".
Insert:
"Unemployment, though unevenly spread over the country, has rarely been below the half million mark in recent years, according to official figures, and "concealed" unemployment in many areas proves the situation to have been even worse".
EAST ANGLIAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

71

Lines 62-66. Delete and substitute the following:

"Unemployment has at times reached towards the million mark and has continued to remain at a high level. Stop-go policies have produced distortions in the economy; certain sections have remained stagnant while others have taken an excessive share of the national resources; the arms programme has further aggravated the situation while great numbers of people remain badly housed and at the poverty level".

VICTORIA (LONDON)

72

Lines 62-66. Move these lines down to line 80 after "future".

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

73

Line 63. Delete "Unemployment . . . recent years".

See also Amendment No. 75.

LEATHERHEAD (SURREY)

74

Line 66. Insert comma after "level" and add:

"while the standard of living is based on systematic overtime and both husband and wife working."

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

75

Line 66. After "poverty level" Add: "There is a further likelihood of unemployment increasing".

LEATHERHEAD (SURREY)

76

Line 68. After line 68 insert new sentence: "Mergers and take-over bids have concentrated economic power in fewer hands than ever before".

EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

77

Line 70. Substitute after "working people" "have increased enormously in relation to wages".

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

78

Line 70. Delete "working people" and insert: "British and colonial workers".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

79

Line 70. Add new sentence:

"The interests of big finance capital in the City of London are protected at all costs, regardless of the effects on the economy".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

80

Line 74. Delete "inflation". Insert "Government policy".

FORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

81

Line 78. After "in the South-East" delete "at the expense of Scotland, Wales and other parts of the country" and insert:

"at the expense of other parts of England, as well as Scotland and Wales."

TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)

82

Line 78. After "expense" to read "of other parts of England and of Scotland and Wales".

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS AND ST. JOHN'S (LONDON)

83

Line 78. After "Wales" add "North East".

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

84

Line 79. After "still further." Insert "This imbalance must be redressed by systematic regional development within a national framework".

HITHER GREEN AND FOREST HILL (LONDON)

85

Line 80. Delete "Workers fear that". Begin sentence "The".

WOODBERRY DOWN (LONDON)
DARNALL (YORKSHIRE)
AVON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

86

Lines 80-82. Delete sentence beginning "Workers fear" and substitute:

"More and more workers are realising that even the present comparatively high level of employment is extremely insecure."

WELSH COMMITTEE

87

Lines 80-83. Delete.

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

88

Line 81. Delete "the present comparative full employment is" and substitute: "even the present levels of employment are".

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

89

Line 84. Insert new sentence:

"The low level of basic wages has made overtime working a feature of many industries while short-time is also frequently imposed."

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

90

Lines 85-86. Delete and substitute:

"The social consequences of automation must be anticipated and action taken to ensure that the working class receive the benefits in the form of reductions in working hours and increased pay".

SHIPLEY (YORKSHIRE)

91

Line 88. Delete "In this affluent society . . . scandal".

Insert:

"While vigorous efforts are made to persuade the people that affluence exists generally in Britain today, the conditions and income of the sick and aged continue

to be scandalous and there are vast numbers of lower-paid workers whose income barely provides the minimum necessities."

MARYLEBONE (LONDON)

92

Line 90. After "has" delete all words to the end of the para. and insert:

"hardly got off the ground, and even where equal pay has been granted the fight for equal opportunity has still to be won".

SYDENHAM (LONDON)

93

Line 90. Delete "in many occupations".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS,

AND ST. JOHN'S (LONDON)

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

94

Line 90. Delete "many". Insert "most".

SIDCUP (KENT)

DARNALL (YORKSHIRE)

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

95

Lines 91-93. Remove lines 91-93. Insert them between lines 638-639. See Amendment No. 551.

SIDCUP (KENT)

96

Line 93. After "justice" add:

"and against racial discrimination".

NORWOOD (LONDON)

97

Line 93. After "social justice" add "and that is why the demand for votes at 18 must become a reality in order to give youth the opportunity of having a say in the future of Britain".

COLERAINE, TOTTENHAM (LONDON)

98

Line 94. Delete "is arousing increasing concern" and substitute "impoverishes the leisure of the people".

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

99

Line 95. Add para: "Imperialism abroad and racist legislation at home encourage fascism."

KENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE

100

Line 96. Delete "And over . . . third world war".

Insert:

"The current imperialist policy indicates that the Western capitalist countries are preparing for a major conflict."

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

101

Lines 98 and 99. Delete from "These" to "unconscious" and insert: "Some of these are expressions".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

102

Lines 98 and 99. Reword:

"There is deep dissatisfaction with capitalist society but much of it is uncon-

scious and inarticulate; its force must not be overrated".

DARNALL (YORKSHIRE)

103

Lines 98 and 99. Delete.

SEVENOAKS (KENT)

104

Line 100. Delete.

DARNALL (YORKSHIRE)

105

Lines 100 and 101. Delete.

AVON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

106

Line 106. Delete "right wing". Insert "Labour Government".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

107

Line 111. Delete "and now . . . government".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

108

Line 111. Delete: "won only . . . election". Insert: "won only a minority of votes in the last election, with a narrow majority in Parliament."

EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

109

Line 113. Delete "verdict of history" substitute: "This is the result of compromising."

DARNALL (YORKSHIRE)

110

Line 113. Delete "this is the verdict . . . compromise" and substitute "It has compromised."

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

111

Line 113. Delete "compromise" to "socialist principles" and substitute:

"advocate capitalist policies instead of breaking with them and pursuing policies based on socialist principles."

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

112

Line 113. Delete "compromise with . . . socialist principles". Insert "have consistently shown that they are agents of the capitalist class and do not believe in socialist principles."

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

113

Line 114. Delete "instead . . . principles". Insert "and, instead of breaking with it, and pursuing policies based on socialist principles, become its servants, to confuse and disillusion the working class."

LEEDS UNIVERSITY (STUDENTS)

(YORKSHIRE)

114

Line 116. Delete "The present Government . . . in the future" (line 123). Insert: "The present Government, put in power by the people to reverse traditional policies of successive Tory governments and to carry out the programme of the Labour movement, has in fact come under

the dominating influence of Right-wing and social-democratic conceptions which are bounded by the horizons of a so-called 'mixed economy', which is essentially today an economy dominated by monopoly capital, with its sympathisers and representatives in the state machine. This Right-wing conception, and a leadership and policy tied to it, is powerless to solve the problems facing the British people. To break with this conception and to end this type of leadership is the task of the Left-wing, fighting in a unity of all Left forces for a new progressive policy, which will lead the Labour movement and the British people along the road to genuine Socialism."

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (SENIOR)

(SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

115

Line 117. Delete "social-democratic" and insert "Right-wing Labour".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

116

Line 120. After "state machine" add: "and rendering wholehearted support to Imperialism and Reaction in its foreign policy."

LEEDS UNIVERSITY (STUDENTS)

(YORKSHIRE)

117

Line 120. After "machine" delete full stop, add comma, and add "and has continued the shift to the right in Social Democratic policy".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

118

Line 122. Delete "cannot", substitute "will not".

SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)

119

Line 122. Delete "right-wing".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

120

Lines 123-136. Delete and substitute the following:

"The return of a Tory Government would represent a victory for big business and a political setback for the Labour movement. To alter this position requires a change in the balance of forces in the Labour Movement, with the breaking of right-wing domination and victory for the left progressive policy. This is why the Communist Party calls for a new political battle in Britain—a battle to cut across the shams and deceptions, change the relation of forces in the labour movement and put the country on the right course."

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

121

Line 124. After "requires" insert:

"the acceptance by the Labour Movement of the political leadership of the Communist Party," then continue as text.

SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)

122

Line 127. After word "again" insert: "or a Labour Government continuing its present anti-working-class policies" and continue as text.

SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)

123

Lines 127-132. Delete and substitute: "Another Tory Government representing the direct rule of big business would be a disaster for the movement. The Labour Government, however, can be a starting point for working-class advance only if right-wing policies are defeated."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

124

Lines 127-132. Delete paragraph and insert:

"The return of a Tory Government would represent a moral victory for big business and political setback for the Labour movement. There is no prospect of a Liberal Government, and if there were, it would continue basic Tory policies. Another right-wing Labour Government pursuing the same policies as now would be equally disastrous for the working class as the Tory or Liberal alternatives."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

125

Lines 127-129. Delete sentence "A Tory Government . . . the Labour movement" and substitute:

"The return of a Tory Government is a possibility, as the Labour Party is acting classically as a 'crisis Government', misusing its popular labour appeal, to act as a servant of the capitalist class."

TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

126

Lines 128-139. Delete. Substitute the following:

"The first need is to recognise that the main enemy of peace is U.S. imperialism, abetted by its British satellite. Our first obligation is to expose, isolate and fight this main enemy, at the same time striving for the independence of Britain."

BELSIZE/SOUTHEND (LONDON)

127

Line 129. Delete "There . . . there were, it". Insert "A Liberal Government—with policies so akin to those of the Tories—".

BECKENHAM AND PENGE (KENT)

128

Line 130. Delete "Another . . . difficulties". Substitute:

"The present policies of the Labour Government can lead only to disillusionment for millions of Labour voters, which would be a setback to the whole Progressive movement. Such a condition guarantees the return of the Tories. The present task before the Communist Party is to halt this tide, and place before the Labour voter an explanation and a

solution to the betrayal of the Right-wing leadership."

LEEDS UNIVERSITY (STUDENTS)
(YORKSHIRE)

129

Line 133. Delete "a new" and insert "an increased".

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

130

Line 133. After "calls" insert "upon the Left and Progressive forces to create a common front which would be the basis".

LEITH (SCOTLAND)

131

Line 133. After "difficulties" add:
"It is therefore proposed that in consti-
tuencies where there is no Communist
candidate, the labour candidate should
have the support of the local branches only
where this candidate supports a socialist
solution to Britain's problems".

GATESHEAD (NORTH EAST)

132

Line 134. Delete "cut across the sham
and deceptions."

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

III. BRITAIN AND PEACE

133

Line 138. After "is" insert "mass
political action".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

134

Line 138. Delete sentence beginning
"The first need" and substitute:

"The first need is for Britain to take a
new independent path in world affairs,
becoming an active power for peace,
national liberation and East-West under-
standing. The aggressive policies of the
United States and Western imperialism are
dragging us towards a third world war. It
is vital for Britain to break from these
suicidal policies and play a leading part in
rallying all world forces for peace."

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

135

Lines 138-139. Delete, and substitute:
"The most urgent need for Britain is to
end its servility to U.S. aggressive policies
and to break the Anglo-American alliance.
This would be a major step towards placing
Britain on the side of peace."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

136

Lines 138-139. Delete.

NORWOOD (LONDON)

137

Lines 138-139. Delete paragraph and
substitute the following:

"The fundamental condition for main-
taining world peace is constant opposition
to American ruling class policies, and the
policies of their Tory and Labour sup-
porters."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

138

Line 139. After "peace" add:
"by honouring agreements of United
Nations on Peace questions. Britain should
also honour the Geneva Agreements and
Final Declaration of 21st July 1954 on
Vietnam of which she was co-chairman and
signatory. Britain should also use all her
power to make the U.S.A. honour the
international agreement of 14 nations and
her pledge at the time 'not to use force
or the threat of force to disturb them'."

(KENT)

139

Line 139. After "peace"—
"and the first responsibility of the
British Communist Party is to give absolute
priority to this aim".

EASTLEIGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

140

Line 139. After "peace" add "Social
advance and Peace are indivisible".

HYDE (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

141

Line 146. After "Vietnam" insert:
"and are carrying out dangerous pro-
vocations on the Chinese Border."

POTTER NEWTON (YORKSHIRE)

142

Line 148. After "peace". Delete whole of
next sentence "The U.S. . . . socialist
world."

AVON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

143

Lines 149-150. Delete sentence beginning
"The . . ." and substitute:

"United States aggression has to be
answered not only by the Vietnamese
people and by the combined forces of the
Socialist world, but also by the rising tide
of opposition in countries like Britain."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

144

Line 150. Delete "American . . . im-
possible".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

145

Line 150. After "world" add "and all
peace-loving people."

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

146

Line 150. Insert after "socialist world"
and the progressive forces in the capitalist
countries".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

147

Line 150. Alter, to read:
"By the combined efforts of the Socialist
countries, and the peace-loving peoples
throughout the world."

POTTER NEWTON (YORKSHIRE)

148

Line 150. After "socialist world" Add:
", with aid from progressive forces in
capitalist and non-aligned countries".

CORBY (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

149

Line 154. For "imperialism" substitute
"monopoly capitalism".

DARNALL (YORKSHIRE)

150

Line 154. After "... British imperialism,"
add: "backed by the British Labour
Government,"

TURNPIKE (LONDON)

151

Line 157. Delete "The supreme duty . . .
Agreements of 1954". Insert:

"The supreme duty of all democrats is
to demand that the Americans end their
aggression and the withdrawal of U.S.
troops from Vietnam. The British govern-
ment should be urged to welcome the call
of the North Vietnam Parliament for a new
International Conference based on the
Geneva Agreements."

DULWICH AND NUNHEAD

(LONDON)

152

Line 160. Delete "decisive". Insert
"important".

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

153

Line 160. Insert "government", to read:
"If British government support for the
U.S. was ended . . ."

TURNPIKE (LONDON)

154

Line 170. After "policy" add:
"At the same time full support is given
to every U.S. act of aggression wherever it
may be."

FORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

155

Line 170. After "Malaysia," insert:
"its aggression in South Arabia."

SYDENHAM (LONDON)

156

Lines 175-177. Delete sentence "Strong-
holds . . . Africa", and substitute:

"The imperialists are intensifying their
efforts over the remaining colonial states
of the world, racialism is spreading
viciously, and is subtly encouraged by
those who wish to destroy working-class
unity. Military fascist dictatorships are
supported and encouraged as means of
suppression."

TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

157

Line 177. Delete sentence beginning
"We pledge" and substitute:

"The same imperialist policies which
bring war and suffering to the peoples
struggling for their independence, are also
the greatest danger to world peace and to
the security and progress of the British
people. It is our vital interest and duty to
develop to the utmost solidarity with the
national liberation struggle in all countries,
and with the struggle against racialism."

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

- 158 Line 178. After "racialism" add "and fascism."
BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 159 Line 178. After "racialism" add:
"Economic relations with the former Colonial countries need to be based on complete equality. This may have short term trading disadvantages for Britain while at the time freeing us from the financial burden of the East of Suez policy."
BROMLEY (KENT)
- 160 Line 180. After "militarism" add "and fascism".
BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 161 Line 182. Delete "These aims . . . Government". Insert:
"The Government is giving its open support to these aims by refusing".
MARYLEBONE (LONDON)
- 162 Lines 183-184. Delete "and", after "final" and after "Force" delete full stop and add:
"and allowing German troops, rocket and other training bases in Britain."
WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 163 Line 187. Delete "The". Insert:
"In spite of temporary setbacks in certain countries, the" balance, etc.
WIMBLEDON (SURREY)
- 164 Lines 187-8. Delete sentence.
SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 165 Lines 189-190. Delete and insert:
"In consequence the imperialists have been led to more desperate acts."
DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)
- 166 Lines 189-190. Delete.
SEVENOAKS (KENT)
- 167 Line 193. Delete "military".
NORLAND (LONDON)
- 168 Lines 195-196. Insert period after "camp", delete rest of line 195, and insert following sentence after "camp" on line 195:
"These are expressed in the attitude of France and the crisis in N.A.T.O., Singapore's break with Malaysia and the crisis in S.E.A.T.O."
SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 169 Line 196. Insert after "France", comma, and "the moves by France and Italy for the admission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations."
WOODBERRY DOWN (LONDON)
- 170 Line 200. After "policy" insert:
"With a firmer stand from a united Communist movement every possibility exists to defeat the U.S. imperial aggression."
BLACKBURN (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)
- 171 Line 201. After "policy" delete rest of sentence and substitute:
"extend and strengthen peaceful co-existence".
WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 172 Line 201. Bring forward to here lines 233 to the words "Communist Parties" in line 242. Then change the "Every" in line 201 to "Then the".
SHIPLEY (YORKSHIRE)
- 173 Lines 201-202. Delete. See Amendment No.
SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 174 Lines 201-211. Delete and insert:
"We pledge anew our solidarity with the national liberation struggles of all peoples, and affirm our belief that the main enemy to peace and progress is imperialism, whether it be British or American imperialism.
We feel that, bearing in mind the great forward movement for national independence which exists in so many former so-called "backward countries" whose people are now rising against their oppressors, that the policy of peaceful co-existence can only mean that, whilst the aims of our Party are to work unceasingly for a world without war, nevertheless we do not mean peace at any price.
Whilst imperialism exists, so will the possibility of war exist. Peaceful co-existence as a main objective only exists in those countries whose peoples are not actively engaged in either armed or forcible opposition to the Government in power. It does not and cannot exist in countries whose peoples are fighting for independence and to overthrow imperialism.
We therefore stress with greater urgency the need for our Party to renew its efforts to awaken the British people to their responsibility to end British imperialism and to fight against the growth of American imperialism, including the ever tightening grip of American capital on Britain and her economy and her way of life. It is in this way that the greatest contribution to developing the fight for peace can be made".
PLYMOUTH (DEVON AND CORNWALL)
- 175 Lines 202-206. Delete.
BLACKBURN (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)
- 176 Line 202. Delete "achieve" insert:
"impose acceptance of principles of".
SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 177 Line 202. Continue sentence:
"between states with different social systems."
HEELEY, SHEFFIELD (YORKSHIRE)
- 178 Line 203. Delete from "We . . . wiped out" on line 205. Insert:
"It remains true that the forces of socialism and national liberation are stronger than the forces for war, and if united and active can prevent imperialism launching a third world war."
MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)
- 179 Line 203. Delete from "We reject" to "world war" and substitute:
"We do not believe in the inevitability of a third world war."
SHIPLEY (YORKSHIRE)
- 180 Lines 203-211. Delete paragraph and substitute the following:
"In the event of nuclear war Britain could be virtually wiped out. Therefore the question of peaceful co-existence has assumed an urgent character in the conditions of today. We reject theories which encourage the conception that a third world war is inevitable.
"But a pre-condition for peaceful co-existence between countries with different social systems is that the class struggle shall be vigorously prosecuted in all countries, and especially that the national liberation movement shall pursue its struggles in various forms and enjoy the growing support of the working classes of the various metropolitan countries."
CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)
- 181 Line 206. After "today" add new sentence: "The most decisive of these is the growth of the socialist countries particularly of the Soviet Union. A further growth in the might and unity of the socialist world is vital for the advance of world peace."
PARK (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 182 Line 206. After "today" insert:
"The forces of socialism and peace are advancing and by building these forces we are making the most effective means of preventing a world war".
SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)
- 183 Line 206. After "conditions of today." insert "In a nuclear war Britain would be virtually wiped out."
MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

184

Lines 207-211. Delete, and insert:
 "The major task of all Communists, and for all who strive to achieve a progressive future for mankind, is to prevent a third world war and, while maintaining full support of the struggle for national liberation and resistance to aggression, to impose peaceful co-existence while imperialism still exists."

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

185

Lines 207-211. Delete "and for all . . . still exists."

Insert: "and for all who wish to achieve a progressive future for mankind to strive to prevent a third world war, and achieve peaceful co-existence by maintaining full support for the national liberation struggle, and resisting the aggressive designs of imperialism."

YORKSHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

186

Line 209. Delete "while . . . exists".

Insert:

"strive for peaceful co-existence by supporting the struggle for National Liberation, and exposing to the people the aggressive activities of Imperialism which daily threaten the safety of the whole world."

LEEDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

187

Line 209. Delete "while". Substitute "by".

TUFNELL (LONDON)

188

Lines 209-210. Delete "and". Full stop after "aggression", delete rest of sentence.

BLACKBURN (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

189

Line 209. After "world war" delete the words "and while".

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

190

Lines 210-211. After "aggression" delete "to strive for" and insert "and".

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

191

Lines 209-213. Full stop after "war", delete to 213 and substitute:

"The socialist states, the national liberation movement and the international working class are becoming the dominant forces of our epoch. Their combination with the broad world-wide movement for peace and social advance make it possible to defeat U.S. imperialist policy."

"The road to peaceful co-existence between states of different social systems can be broadened only if aggressive policies are defeated and this can only be achieved by mass struggle. There is no contradiction between peaceful co-existence and the just struggles of peoples to win their independence."

192

Line 213. Delete "It" and substitute "Peaceful co-existence".

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

193

Line 211. Delete all words after "co-existence" and add new sentence:

"In this connection the growing strength and development of the Socialist countries is a prime factor in determining that a policy of peaceful co-existence can be imposed on the imperialists."

LEYTON (SOUTH ESSEX)

194

Line 211. Delete "while imperialism still exists" and insert "between states with different political systems".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

195

Line 211. Delete "while imperialism still exists".

PARK (SOUTH ESSEX)

196

Line 212. Delete "achieved". Insert "won".

BLACKBURN (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

197

Lines 212-218. Delete both paragraphs and substitute:

"A policy of peaceful co-existence can only be based on the recognition of the sovereignty and independence of all peoples, and of their right to choose their own social system. It cannot be achieved at the expense of the interests of any socialist country, or of the national liberation struggle in any country."

"But Communists stress that the only ultimate solution to the problems of war and peace lies in revolutionary struggle in the centres of imperialism."

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

198

Line 213. After "mass" insert "action and by strengthening the class".

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

199

Line 213. After this line, insert:

"As the struggle to change this disastrous policy develops, the role of the peace movement in Britain in all its forms becomes more important than ever. The working class must play a leading role in helping the unity, organisation and growing political awareness of the peace movement."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

200

Line 213. Add after "struggle":

"But it must be recognised that the Peace Movement has not been able to prevent backward steps. We should examine these shortcomings in order to step up the struggle."

SHIP REPAIR (LONDON)

201

Lines 219-221. Delete and substitute:
 "The policy of the British Government is strengthening the most aggressive and militaristic circles in the West of which it is part."

MORRIS MOTORS (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

202

Line 230. Delete "to compel a change". Substitute "to co-operate in compelling a change".

LEATHERHEAD (SURREY)

203

Line 231. After "policy" add:

"Important new developments are taking place in the peace movement in this country. For the first time in recent years the Labour Movement has begun to play an active part, especially in the campaign to stop the war in Vietnam. At the same time the campaign against Britain's reliance on nuclear weapons, strengthened by the strong reaction among left-wing Labour people against the government's betrayal of its election pledges, is becoming also a campaign for a new foreign policy and is increasingly facing the facts of where the danger comes from. Communists have the supremely important task of helping the Labour Movement and the young people who have campaigned so persistently against the bomb to work together for a more secure peace."

BELSIZE/SOUTHEND (LONDON)

204

Line 233. Delete all to the end of the section and replace with:

"United action against imperialism is imperative and Communist Parties must have a joint strategy and co-ordinated programme of aid to the national liberation movements, particularly in Vietnam."

Ideology which disrupts united action must be rejected.

Communist Parties should not allow a correct national orientation of their domestic policies to result in a narrow nationalistic outlook and approach to world problems, and no Party or Socialist country should place what it considers to be its own interests above those of the world movement.

The class enemy has benefited by the divisions in the world Communist movement and failure to overcome these divisions has harmed the cause of peace, national liberation and socialism.

Our Party must combat all divisive tendencies and reject views which place expediency above principle in our approach to these problems.

Unity of the world Communist movement is an urgent pre-requisite for the most effective mobilisation of the anti-imperialist and peace forces for securing the defeat of imperialism and averting the war danger in all its forms.

Our Party will join with other Parties willing to meet together for furthering this aim."

SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

205

Line 233. Add "Because of this, full and open discussion of all aspects of the differences between China and the Soviet Party and Government should take place in Congress and in the Branches."

REIGATE (SURREY)

206

Line 233. After "crucial importance" "Divisions in the world communist movement endanger peace and delay the achievement of a better life for peoples liberated from imperialist oppression. We call for renewed efforts for unity especially in view of the grave situation brought about by the conflict between India and Pakistan."

NORTH CARDIFF (WALES)

207

Line 234. After "arisen" insert "and attempts to split Communist Parties".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

208

Lines 234-237. Delete first sentence "The differences . . . everywhere." and substitute the following:

"In the international Communist movement ideological disputes are inevitable and in the long run can help to strengthen our Marxist-Leninist theory."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

209

Line 236. After "enemy" insert: "encouraged U.S. imperialist aggression which is a continuous threat to world peace".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

210

Line 236. After "enemy" insert "resulted in support being given to the counter-revolution in Algeria."

HANTS AND DORSET DISTRICT COMMITTEE

211

Line 237. After "Congress" insert "and we accept that it is of vital importance to the Party".

WOKING (SURREY)

212

Line 237. Delete from "We . . ." to line 254, and insert:

"In some countries Communist Parties have been divided and in others rival so-called Communist Parties established. Encouragement has been given to nationalist go-it-alone tendencies that have occurred within various parties, leading to a severe weakening of international working class solidarity. Unless tackled by strengthening the ranks and understanding within the parties, this can only get worse. Any attempts to avoid the problem whilst the splitting activities continue can

only deepen the divisions. A determined and positive effort is required to reverse this process and to assist the movement along the road to unification, consolidation and the next stage of advance on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and the 1957 Declaration and the 1960 Statement. It is regrettable therefore that our Executive Committee was reluctant to take part in the March consultative meeting of Communist Parties and subsequently published an opposition viewpoint to its Declaration. Congress wholeheartedly endorses the unanimous communique of the 19 Parties as the necessary next stage in the development of world communist unity".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

213

Line 237. Delete from "we reaffirm . . . ideological controversies."

BLACKBURN (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

214

Line 237. After "everywhere" insert the following:

"Disunity encourages imperialism to engage in adventurous policies of military intervention into these countries fighting for independence, freedom from foreign domination and social advance. We welcome the positive steps for peace taken by the Soviet Union over recent months, its firm advocacy of peaceful co-existence, and active support for the cause of the Vietnam Liberation Movement."

LEYTON (SOUTH ESSEX)

215

Line 240. Delete "and", insert after "Marxism-Leninism".

"without prejudice to the principles embodied in the decisions of the Twentieth Congress of the C.P.S.U. and in".

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (SENIOR)
(SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

216

Line 240-242. Delete "and the 1957 Declarations and the 1960 Statement agreed at the time by all Communist Parties".

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

217

Lines 240-248. Delete "and the 1957 . . . international communist unity."

Insert:

"The differences within the world communist movement are so grave that much time and patience will be needed to resolve them. At the present time the paramount need is for unity of action between the Communist parties of the world on all the many issues on which there is no disagreement. The steady extension of such united action is in itself the surest path to the restoration of full unity, and will prepare for the day when

such unity can be expressed in the formulation of a general line of action freely and genuinely accepted by all Communist Parties. Congress declares that the 1957 Declaration and the 1960 Statement can no longer serve as they stand as the basis for such a formulation, for they did not reflect a genuine unity.

While endorsing the general line of the E.C. statements on the issues involved and strongly commending the tone of these statements, Congress calls for continuing discussion of the issues in all their aspects and for the further development both of self-criticism and of frank, friendly criticism, of other communist parties where the situation calls for much criticism. In this way British communists can help to minimise the harm caused by the differences in the world movement, and deepen the understanding of the Party membership".

LONDON UNIVERSITY STAFF (LONDON)

218

Lines 241-245. Delete all after "Statement" to end of paragraph (in line 245), insert "and the communique of the 19 Parties meeting in Moscow in March 1965".

BARNES (SURREY)

219

Line 242. Delete from "We endorse" to end of paragraph.

SHIPLEY (YORKS)
BANSTEAD (SURREY)

220

Line 242. Delete "We endorse . . . controversies."

Insert:

"The first step towards this will be an honest reappraisal of the basic issues involved in the controversy and of the history of their development up to the present time. A special committee will be set up comprising Party members at all levels, and of differing opinions on these disputes, to see that this reassessment of the position is carried out in the most rigorous manner of Marxist self-criticism."

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

221

Line 242. After "Parties" add: "and the communique of the Consultative meeting of the 19 Parties of March 1965".

HANTS AND DORSET DISTRICT COMMITTEE

222

Lines 242-249. Delete the sentence commencing "We endorse . . ." and also the following paragraph to the end of the section and substitute the following:

"The present situation in which some Communist Parties have been divided and nationalist tendencies have occurred calls for a renewed, determined and positive movement and in this connection the March 1965 statement of the 19 Parties has our fullest support. The incoming

N.E.C. will exert every effort to implement the line of that statement, to deepen the understanding of the issues in our Party and to work for united and concerted action against imperialism, which is not only an urgent need of the world situation but the best way to restore international communist unity".

SURBITON (SURREY)

223

Lines 242-245. Delete from "We endorse" to "ideological controversies" and substitute:

"We call for more discussion and a clearer analysis of the basic differences involved. We call for an unambiguous Executive statement on the subject."

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS
(SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

224

Lines 242-245. Delete from "we" to "ideological controversies" and insert:

"We support wholeheartedly the communique of the 19 Parties Consultative Conference."

COLLIERS WOOD (SURREY)

225

Line 243. Insert after "this aim" "texts of which should be included in Congress Material."

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

226

Lines 243-245. Delete last sentence in paragraph, i.e. "We reaffirm . . . ideological controversies."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

227

Line 245. After "controversies" insert:

"at the same time we believe that the time has come for a new meeting of the World Communist Parties as called for by the Consultative meeting of the 19 Parties at which all the issues can be dealt with in a principled way."

SHIRLEY (HANTS AND DORSET)

228

Line 245. After "controversies" add: "and our support for the general line of the 1957 Declarations and 1960 Statement."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

229

Line 245. Add after this line: "We appreciate that while sharply differing interpretations of the role of the World Communist Movement are issued by political parties, this is bound to affect the attitudes of comrades to international events. Members may tend to accept the viewpoint of one or other of the Parties, while still accepting the main lines of Party policy for Britain. Such differences, where they are not of a disruptive nature, must be accepted and allowed to find expression in comradely discussion at all levels of the Party".

BRIXTON (LONDON)

230

Line 245. Insert after "controversies" "and call upon the countries of the Socialist bloc to increase their aid to the fighters in the anti-colonial struggle".

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

231

Line 245. After "controversies" delete full stop and add "as they then were. However, in view of the changes that have taken place since these statements were issued, we feel that it is time for our Party to re-examine the present position."

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

232

Line 245. After "controversies" add:

"At the same time we recognise the need for continual discussion with all brother parties to bring about unity in the international Communist movement."

LEITH (SCOTLAND)

233

Line 245.

"We recognise that differences exist, and welcome all efforts to keep open the door to the re-establishment of world Communist unity."

TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)

234

Line 247. Delete "not only".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

235

Line 248. Delete "but", insert "and".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

236

Line 248. Add after "communist unity" "and must needs have the closest international consultation for all major decisions."

BURNLEY (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

IV. A NEW IMMEDIATE PROGRAMME

Delete heading and substitute:

"PROGRAMME FOR UNITED ACTION"

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Delete from heading "New".

VICTORIA, HACKNEY (LONDON)

237

Lines 250-254. Delete and substitute:

"The British people are faced with acute problems which can be answered only by drastic changes in foreign and domestic policy; changes which would make serious inroads into the power and position of British monopoly capitalism."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

238

Line 255. Delete from "The Communist Party" to line 257 ending in "in this respect".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

239

Lines 255-256. Delete "of course". Delete "social democratic" and insert "Right wing Labour".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

240

Line 257. Delete from "What the present" down to "mass struggle of the people" on line 263 and insert:

"At the same time it does believe that such a Government can be forced to change its policy by the united mass struggle of the people. The Communist Party puts forward an immediate programme for essential change in home and foreign policy that can unite all the Left and progressive forces in and outside the Labour movement".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

241

Lines 257-263. Delete from "What . . ." and substitute:

"There is urgent need, however, for an immediate programme that will command support of millions of people. In this section we indicate some of the most important demands which the movement is entitled to make of the present Labour Government. The campaign for these demands will in turn demonstrate the need for even more drastic and fundamental changes."

"To win even these limited immediate changes will be possible only by the united mass struggle of the people."

First: The crushing burden of arms must be lifted and Britain's world power thrown on the side of peaceful co-existence, disarmament and national independence.

"The most immediate demands are:"

(all the points on foreign policy can then be included but perhaps numbered (a), (b), (c), etc.

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

242

Lines 260-376. Delete after "abroad" in line 260 to line 376 and substitute the following:

1. Britain must make a stand for world peace. This means support for an international agreement on disarmament, a ban on all nuclear weapons, a complete break with the "Atlantic" war alliance, with NATO and SEATO, and active support for the restoration of China's seat in the United Nations. As an immediate step it must condemn U.S. aggression in Vietnam, demand the withdrawal of U.S. troops and strict observance of the Geneva Agreements.

2. The ending of all colonial wars and the closing of military bases abroad. British troops must be withdrawn from Malaysia, Aden, West Germany, British Guiana, Northern Ireland and

elsewhere. The constitution of Southern Rhodesia must be suspended, all African political prisoners released, followed by a new constitutional conference at which Africans are represented in proportion to their population, which will decide on a new constitution based on universal suffrage and African majority rule.

3. Effective steps must be taken to end the manipulation of world prices against the interests of the developing countries. Interest payments on past loans to the new states of the Commonwealth should be cancelled, and more positive economic aid extended by means of interest-free loans and outright grants. Britain should not enter the Common Market, but extend trading relations with the advancing countries of socialism and national liberation, as well as the capitalist countries.

4. There must be a new national plan which aims to break the grip of the big monopolies by nationalisation of steel, big banks and insurance companies, the land of big landowners, chemical industry and other key sectors. Compensation should be strictly limited to small shareholders. All nationalised concerns must be under democratic control, with workers and technicians on the governing boards.

The new plan must provide for a national fuel and power plan and integrated transport, labour safeguards in the process of automation, lower profits and increased wages, effective steps to reduce prices, and rapid steps to reduce working hours, equal pay for equal work, longer holidays, lower rents, higher old-age pensions and other benefits, and the extension of social services, especially health, education, and housing.

5. The race-bar Commonwealth Immigrants Act must be repealed, and the Race Relations Act amended to ensure real safeguards against racial discrimination in the field of employment, wages, housing, and education.
6. Electoral reform must provide for a system of proportional representation based on multi-member constituencies, the abolition of the £150 deposit, lifting the ban on radio and television imposed on the Communist Party, and the abolition of the House of Lords."

NORWOOD (LONDON)

243

Line 261. Delete from "In" to "Government".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

244

Line 261. Delete "In view . . . people".

Insert:

"These changes cannot be entrusted to the present Government leaders, even assuming the unlikely event of them 'agreeing' to alter their policies. United mass struggle for the replacement of Wilson and his collection of proven traitors to the working class is the only correct first step."

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

245

Lines 261-263. Transfer to position after "capitalism" on line 254.

NORWOOD (LONDON)

246

Lines 261-263. Delete sentence "In view of . . . people" and substitute.

"These changes will almost certainly not be brought about by the present Government leaders. United mass struggle is the only correct path to remove the present traitors to the working class."

TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

247

Line 263. After "people" add:

"The struggle for these changes is indivisibly connected with the struggle for national liberation and with the struggle against racialism, and we pledge ourselves to study the problem and to carry out an intensive campaign to educate the British working class, both manual and professional workers, on the inter-relation of these issues and their significance to the British working-class struggle for Socialism."

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

248

Line 264. Delete "in . . . needed". Insert: "demand of the Communist Party in alliance with other progressive forces".

LEEDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

249

Line 266. After "U.S." add "and Commonwealth".

OXFORD STUDENTS (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

250

Lines 266-267. Delete the word "and", and on line 267 insert after "Geneva Agreements" the phrase:

"and act upon a declaration of support for the Vietnam Liberation struggle."

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

251

Line 268. After "Geneva Agreements" add:

"to withdraw all British material aid to the Saigon Government, and to reconvene the Geneva Conference."

OXFORD STUDENTS (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

252

Line 269. After "elsewhere" add new sentence.

"The undemocratic policies pursued by the Labour Government in colonial

countries such as British Guiana must be abandoned".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

253

Line 273. Delete "The Polaris . . . back home". Insert:

"The U.S. Polaris base and all other American bases in Britain should be closed down and all American troops sent back home. The British Polaris base now building at Faslane should be discontinued and the British Polaris submarine force should be scrapped."

SPRINGBURN (SCOTLAND)

254

Line 277. After A.N.F., M.L.F. insert: "and granting training facilities to the West German military forces in South Uist to carry out practice firing of U.S. sergeant missiles, or any other plans to give West Germany direct or indirect access to nuclear weapons should be opposed. Britain etc".

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

(Similar amendments on training of American, German, and any other foreign troops from

Castlemilk, Scotland
Hyde Park, Yorkshire
St. John's, Swansea, Wales
North Cardiff, Wales
Swindon, West of England
West of England District Committee
London University Staffs.)

255

Line 269. Delete the word "and" at the beginning of the line and add after ". . . and elsewhere":

"The Labour Government must express its solidarity with all colonial peoples in their struggle for national liberation."

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

256

Line 270. Delete first sentence and substitute:

"British arms expenditure should be cut by at least half."

CLAPHAM (LONDON)

257

Line 270. After "expenditure" insert: "as a first step".

LEEDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

258

Line 270. After "half". Insert new sentence:

"A substantial cut in such expenditure would be a major contribution to solving the balance of payments problem; constitute a powerful peace initiative; and release tremendous resources for improving the living standards of the people".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

259

Line 278. Insert after "Germany" "or any other country".

BEXLEY (KENT)

260

Line 279. Delete "renounce" and insert "dismantle".

BEXLEY (KENT)

261

Line 279. At end of line insert "and biological and chemical warfare".

LEYTON (SOUTH ESSEX)

262

Line 280. After "ban" insert:
"on testing, use and export of nuclear weapons."

WIMBLEDON (SURREY)

263

Line 288. Insert after "dissolved and" "simultaneously".

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

264

Line 293. After "fully recognised" insert:
"as the sole representative of the Chinese people".

KENTON (MIDDLESEX)

265

Line 294. After "clique" add "of U.S. puppets".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

266

Line 295. Insert a full stop after "Market". Delete "but" and insert "it should".

DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

267

Lines 295-297. Delete, and insert:
"Britain must extend trade relations with the newly liberated countries and above all the countries of socialism which are free from slumps and unemployment. They offer a stability in trade which is absent from trade with capitalist countries. Britain should refuse to enter the Common Market".

PARK (SOUTH ESSEX)

268

Lines 295-297. Delete and substitute:
"We must totally reject Tory, Liberal and big business pressure to join the Common Market. Britain's interests are best served by opening out our trade in all directions including long term trading agreement with the advancing countries of socialism and national liberation".

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

269

Line 296. Delete "but" and insert:
"since entry would constitute a threat to the political and economic independence of our country but instead should".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

270

Line 297. Add after "capitalist countries", "The Government should impose strict controls on the use of foreign exchange and the export of capital, so as to prevent the City and its financial allies abroad from undermining Britain and blocking economic and social advance".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

271

Line 297. After "as well as" delete "the capitalist countries" and insert "developing aid and trade relationships with the Commonwealth and continuing trade with capitalist countries".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

272

Line 297. After "countries" add:
"Every assistance should be given to Commonwealth countries and ex-colonies, to help them develop the industrialisation of their economies".

MARYHILL (SCOTLAND)

273

Lines 298-300. Delete and insert the following:

"The Common Market is an organisation in the interests of and controlled by West European Trusts and our participation in it would curb our freedom to trade with the developing countries. Such trade is in the interests of the peoples of the world and not of the monopolies."

HIGHFIELDS (EAST MIDLANDS)

274

Lines 298-300. Delete.

BARNET (LONDON)

275

Lines 302-322. Delete and substitute:
"*Second: we must open the way to rapid economic expansion, planning and technological advance in a way that will safeguard and advance the interests of the working people.*"

The most urgent steps are:

(a) Certain measures of public ownership; to bring into being a truly integrated transports system with the renationalisation of road transport and the nationalisation of the docks; to bring urban land into public ownership so that vested interests do not stand in the way of housing and town planning in the interests of the people; to renationalise the steel industry with strictly limited compensation; to lift the burden of interest charges on the existing nationalised industries.

(b) measures to restrict large-scale mergers; to expose and end monopoly price fixing; to strengthen the Monopolies Commission under the direct control of Parliament.

(c) power to direct industry to areas of higher than average unemployment.

These measures will prove, however, to be only the first steps since effective planning is only possible if the power of the great private monopolies is broken. To plan means to control; to control it is necessary to own. A Government serious about socialist advance would be obliged to proceed to take over the key biggest monopolies, the big banks, the insurance

companies, as well as the industries named above.

If nationalisation has been heavily discredited, this is entirely because the nationalised sector has been made to serve big business interests and not the people, it accounts for only one-fifth of the economy; it has been burdened with heavy interest and compensation charges and remains in the hands of big business representatives."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

276

Line 303. Insert new sentence:

"Only Socialist planning can utilise automation for the benefit of the whole people."

ST. JOHN'S, SWANSEA (WALES)

277

Line 303. After "broken" insert:

"This can only be done when mass struggles have produced a government bent on introducing socialism. But it is possible now to take measures which will weaken the monopolies' grip."

BELSIZE/SOUTHEND (LONDON)

278

Line 304 to 308. Delete and insert:

"As long as the country's basic means of production rest in the hands of a small number of rich and powerful capitalists, who take the main decisions on investment, production and employment, real planned growth and a technological revolution will remain a pipe-dream of the future".

BARNET (LONDON)

279

Line 307. After "of" add "British and American".

TEMPLE FORTUNE (LONDON)

280

Line 307. After "monopolists" insert:
"in many cases foreign-owned firms and capital".

FORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

281

Line 308. After "and employment, and appropriating the profit", add:

"because of the inefficiency of capitalism to plan its economy, it can never give the people the full fruits of automation."

CASTLE, SWANSEA (WALES)

282

Lines 309-310. After "more essential" add the following:

"Automation is the most significant development of the productive forces since the rationalisation processes of the 1920's. Automation may well prove to be one of the most important factors leading to a revolutionary transformation of society by enormously expanding the value of commodities produced while, at the same time, reducing the size of the market. It can only realise its full potentialities for the benefit of the working people within

the framework of a planned Socialist society."

Then continue: "The existing nationalised industries. . . ." as a new paragraph.
CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

283

Lines 310-316. Delete "The existing . . . monopolies". Insert:

"The existing nationalised industries at present account for no more than one-fifth of the economy. The influences to which the State sector is continually subjected create a constant danger of its role being made auxiliary to the private sector. Thus the very idea of nationalisation has become discredited in the eyes of large numbers of people. For this reason the united Left must struggle for democratic influence to be exerted upon the nationalised sector, for its enlargement and for a strengthening of its independent role, in opposition to the control exercised over it by representatives of the large capitalist monopolies."

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY SENIOR
(SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

284

Line 310-320. Addendum:

"Under the present economic circumstances a national fuel plan with coal as our natural resource, be set at a target of 250 million tons per year, minimum, to carry the base load, be operated as soon as possible, in an effort to solve the balance of payments problem and also to assist the employment situation and the future expansion of British industry."

CRAIGMILLER (SCOTLAND)

285

Lines 316. After "monopolies" add:

"In spite of this many nationalised industries such as electricity, air transport, gas and forestry are showing increasing success."

HITHER GREEN AND FOREST HILL (LONDON)

286

Line 317. After "steel" insert "and road haulage".

YORKSHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

(Similar amendments from Lancashire and Cheshire District Committee

Kirkstall, Yorkshire
London District Committee
Middleton, Lancs.)

287

Line 317. Delete "strictly limited compensation" and insert:

"compensation in the form of annuities, based on the average annual wage of the industry, for which the government, and not the industries themselves, will be responsible".

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
(SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

288

Line 317. After "limited compensation". Add: "not more than the companies paid on denationalisation".

KENTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

289

Line 317. Delete "with strictly limited", substitute "without further".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)
BRISTOL SOUTH

290

Line 318. Delete "key biggest" and substitute "500 key".

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS
(SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

291

Line 318. After "essential step" add: "and a key to any change in Britain".

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

292

Line 318. After "biggest monopolies", insert: "particularly those where the workers involved are in favour, such as transport, aircraft building and building itself".

HITHER GREEN
FOREST HILL (LONDON)

293

Line 318. Delete "The key biggest monopolies, the big banks and insurance companies" and insert:

"Large scale industry, banks, insurance companies, big distributive monopolies".
DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

294

Line 318. Insert new sentence after "step" . . .

"In view of Britain's balance of payments problem the nationalisation of civil air transport is particularly urgent".
NORTHOLT (WEST MIDDLESEX)

295

Line 319. Delete "and the land of large landlords" and insert "and all urban land other than owner occupiers".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

296

Line 319. After "companies" insert: "the building industry".

OXFORD COUNTRY (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

297

Line 321. Before "workers and technicians", insert: "the representatives of".

PARK (SOUTH ESSEX)

298

Line 323. Delete words to "to" and substitute:

"With such an extension of public ownership, with a majority of workers and technicians on the boards, a Government moving in the direction of socialism would be able to undertake. . . ."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

299

Line after 323. Add "There should be a policy for the expansion of agriculture enabling us to provide our own people with a better diet, easing the balance of

payments problem and making a contribution to the world food shortage.

"It must allow for greatly improved wages and conditions for farm workers and security and reasonable incomes for the farmers."

OXFORD COUNTRY (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

300

Lines 323-331. Delete and substitute: "There is a problem of restoring confidence that nationalisation is worth fighting for. The future of the existing nationalised industries must be clarified and their scope extended where suitable (e.g. by manufacturing more of their own requirements). A campaign must be begun for nationalisation of those industries and resources where ownership is already understood by the Labour Movement to be essential for the solution of the country's problems: steel, chemicals, sections of engineering and the land of the large landowners. The Government must intervene in the economy by such measures as setting up publicly owned factories in areas of high unemployment, placing bulk orders for goods which developing countries may wish to buy from us, limiting imports when necessary, influencing investment and location of industry by instructions and penalties rather than bribes. The Government must also use its powers to give publicity to the anti-national activities of the monopolies."

BELSIZE/SOUTHEND (LONDON)

301

Line 325. Insert after "on powers to" the words "direct industry and".

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

302

Line 326. After "power plan" insert "in which coal has a major part".

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

303

Line 331. At end of line insert:

"The Government should make available loans at 2% interest for local authorities and nationalised industries."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

304

Lines 332-334. Delete and insert:

"Third: we must open the way to an advance in the wages, salaries and conditions of all working people and their families. We must fight against all forms of wage restraint whether it is called an "incomes policy" or legally enforced "wage claim vetting" which would shackle the trade unions. We demand price control and effective increases in the taxation of the rich alongside advances in wages and salaries which would give the working people a greater share in the wealth they produce. Accordingly we also oppose the decision of the T.U.C. to set up its own wage claim review body. This can only hold back the advance of the working class and assist big business to make even

greater profits and solve its problems at the expense of the people."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

305

Lines 332-341. Delete and substitute:
"The Government's National Economic Plan is not a plan in this sense at all. It proposes no powers of control over capital or production, and envisages no redistribution of the national resources. Its cornerstone is the so-called 'incomes policy' which is in fact a continuation of the previous Tory policy of wage restraint. It is not directed against profits and will not bring prices down. Indeed Government measures are actively pushing prices, rents, rates and fares up. The incomes policy is in fact intended to hamper trade unionists in their efforts to maintain and improve their standard of living. Far from helping the economy it can only increase unemployment and short-time working.

This new threat to impose wage restraint by legal compulsion and early warning systems to block wage claims is an unprecedented and grave attack on trade union rights. This whole policy should therefore be repudiated by the trade union movement which should use all its strength to win higher wages."

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

306

Line 334. After "importance" add:
"while at the same time strict price control is needed to stop the increase in the cost of living."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

307

Line 335. Delete "The Government's . . . wage restraint" and insert:

"The Government's incomes policy and proposed state regulation of wages by legislation is not only a continuation of the previous Tory policy of wage restraint but is the most vicious attack on trade unions and working class conditions within recent years."

LEITH (SCOTLAND)

308

Line 335. After "incomes policy" insert:
"and proposed legislation to enforce same".

KENTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

309

Line 335. Delete "a continuation", insert "an intensification".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

310

Lines 336-339. Delete and substitute:
"The Government's 'incomes policy' is not merely a continuation of the previous Tory policy of wage restraint but, in fact, goes well beyond it. The proposed legislation would legalise control of wages and could be used by a future government in the way that similar legislation was used

by National Socialism as a weapon against the working class".

SHIPLEY (YORKSHIRE)

311

Line 337. Delete "purpose is", insert "effect will be".

REIGATE (SURREY)

312

Line 337. After "and will not bring prices down." insert:

"In fact the Labour Government has gone even further than the Tories in that they are proposing, as part of their incomes policy, legislation that would prevent by law the success of wage claims. This policy is direct intervention in the democratic rights of the trade union movement of this country." Then continue as text "Its policy is to hamper . . . etc.

GOVAN (SCOTLAND)

313

Lines 337-339. Delete sentence "Its purpose . . . standard of living." and substitute:

"Together with the T.U.C. early warning system and the proposal to introduce legislation to make notification of wage demands obligatory, it not only pegs wages whilst profits soar, but undermines trade union rights that have been won after years of bitter struggle. The consequence of such legislation would be to bring the whole power of the state apparatus in support of the employers against the workers."

WOODSIDE (SURREY)

314

Line 338. After "to" and before "hamper" insert:

"cripple trade union organisation and" and continue as text.

SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)

315

Line 338. Delete "purpose" and substitute "effect".

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

316

Line 339. Add new paragraph:
"The proposed new legislation on wage claims is a menace to wages and to the trade union movement, threatens massive inroads into collective bargaining, and is a step towards state regulation."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

317

Line 340. Delete "It should . . . redundancy and automation.", substitute:

"It should therefore be repudiated by the Trade Union Movement which must fight for higher wages, for the rejection of the T.U.C. Early Warning System on wages, and against any Government legislation which will interfere with the free and collective bargaining on wages.

The Trade Union movement must insist that the Government has a periodic review of the advance of automated processes and a permanent committee of the T.U.C.

should be set up to deal effectively with problems that arise in the introduction of automation, especially the question of manning agreements and rates for the job.

The Government Bill on Redundancy proposes to get a redistribution of the labour force with a pittance of compensation. The Trade Union movement must fight against redundancy, especially where it is used by Big Business to attack Shop Stewards and Trade Union organisations and in industries (e.g. Motors) based on seasonal fluctuations. Workers must be kept on the payroll until comparable alternative employment is found.

Automation must be used to bring increased leisure for the people in the form of a shorter working week; 35 hours maximum not as a start for overtime working; and 3 weeks holiday with average pay which must be enforced by Government legislation. As must the right of equal pay for women.

The sickness and pensions schemes run by employers must have adequate democratic Trade Union control so as to ensure they are not used against the interests of the workers."

FORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

318

Line 340. After "it" add "the whole incomes policy".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

319

Lines 340-341. Delete paragraph "It should therefore . . . higher wages" and substitute:

"The whole trade union movement must be alerted to use all its strength to reverse this policy and win higher wages out of profits."

WOODSIDE (SURREY)

320

Line 341. After "wages" add:
"secure a greater share of all increases in productivity, and of the national income as a whole."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

321

Line 343. After "longer holidays" add:
"and adequate pensions to enable earlier retirement, for those engaged in occupations injurious to health".

CASTLE, SWANSEA (WALES)

ST. JOHN'S, SWANSEA (WALES)

322

Line 345. After "and automation", add:
"Where automation is introduced into a particular industry, those workers already employed should be given every opportunity to train in the use of new techniques. Young people entering industry as apprentices should be apprenticed to the industry and not, as at present, to one employer. Where re-training is necessary, in the uses of new techniques, it should be done without loss of earnings."

PARK AND BRUCE GROVE (LONDON)

323

Line 345. "Our policy on automation should be:

"wage-rates to be geared to productivity; benefit of increased productivity to accrue to the community; shorter hours and adequate retraining schemes to prevent unemployment.

DARNALL (YORKSHIRE)

324

Line 346. Delete "In the consumer . . . advance of the movement" (line 353) substitute:

"The co-operative movement continues to face serious difficulties. Although some progressive societies have made a successful fight back it is no exaggeration to say that the movement is, or should be, fighting for its life. There is a shameful apathy about the future of the co-operative movement among very many activists in the Labour Party, in the Trade Unions and in the Communist Party, who seem unaware of the significance of the co-operative movement in the Labour movement as a whole.

There is need to return to the attitude, often now considered 'old fashioned', of loyalty to the co-operative movement, and to be aware that money spent outside the movement helps to strengthen monopoly capitalism.

WEST OF ENGLAND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
AVON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

325

Line 346. Delete "In the consumer . . . Co-operative movement.", insert:

"The Co-operative movement in important areas has failed to advance to meet the competition of the multiple shops and monopoly manufacturing organisations."

SEVENOAKS (KENT)

326

Lines 346-349. Delete to "Co-operative Movement" and substitute:

"In the consumer industries the rapid advance of the multiple shop groups and the semi-monopoly manufacturing organisations has seriously affected the Co-operative movement. The responsibility for this situation must be laid squarely at the door of the Right-wing leadership which has failed to keep up with modern trends and to maintain the principles of the Co-operation."

Then continue: "There has been a successful fight" etc., etc.

BLAYDON (NORTH EAST)

327

Line 353. After "Movement" add:

"The importance of this section of the labour movement must be fully appreciated in the fight against the monopolies; the Co-ops have a significant role; to make this effective requires the participation of all militant workers."

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH
ESSEX)

328

Line 353. Insert between "for" and "an all-round advance" the following:

"the rationalisation of retail societies, the strengthening and extension of the scope of the CWS, including that of its trade with Socialist countries, and".

SOUTHEND (SOUTH ESSEX)

329

Line 353. Add:

"Government measures are needed to support the Co-operatives, by direct Government contracts with the Co-ops., the removal of penal taxation, and ending discrimination on sites."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

330

Lines 354-357. Delete.

SEVENOAKS (KENT)

331

Lines 355/6. After "housing"; insert: "for drastic rent reductions" and then continue as text until "benefits"; after which insert: "without increases in the rate of contribution" and continue as text.

SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)

332

Lines 354-357. Delete.

Insert:

"Fourth—the crisis in the social services must be overcome; serious town planning must replace the growing strangulation of our cities through unco-ordinated development, and poor public transport; and at the same time a future for democratic local government must be assured. Our immediate demands on the social services, on housing and rents are outlined in the accompanying resolution."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

333

Lines 354-357. Place this paragraph after lines 358-361. Then add after "education services" the following new sentence: "The lack of these services aids the racialists in their propaganda".

WALSALL NORTH (MIDLANDS)

334

Lines 354-385. Delete.

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

335

Line 358. Delete "causes" and insert "increases".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

336

Line 358. Delete lines 358-361 and substitute:

"Capitalism and imperialism have used racial and national discrimination as a policy not only for the oppression of national and racial minorities, not only for the intensive exploitation of the colonial peoples, but also to disrupt the unity and solidarity of the working people and the oppressed nations, in their struggle against their common enemy imperialism.

The Labour Party, now in Government, has not only gone back on its declared

promises, while in opposition, to repeal the Tory race-bar Commonwealth Immigrants Act, but has in fact been vying with the Tories in its harshness towards the coloured immigrants. It has further adopted racialism as an official Government policy."

BELSEIZE AND SOUTHEND (LONDON)

337

Lines 358-359. Delete "The menace of racialism . . . people", insert:

"Racialism is a class weapon with roots in imperialism. It is a classic weapon of the ruling class which is used to confuse and divide the workers, set one section of the people against the other . . ." (continue)

KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM (MIDLANDS)

338

Line 361. After "defeated" insert:

"Racial differences are being used as a political weapon by inflaming public feeling based on prejudice and ignorance.

Housing, education and health are problems to be sure, but on no issue can responsibility be placed on immigrants white or coloured.

The red herring of race is already having effect, as shown in Smethwick and Leyton.

The Labour Government in failing to stand firm and give a clear lead on genuine equality must take some responsibility for this grave situation."

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

339

Line 362. Delete from "The race-bar . . . to repealed". After "defeated" insert new paragraph:

"The Government White Paper on immigration must be rejected as a complete surrender to the racialists. It lends strength to reaction which has found a new scapegoat to divert the people from the true cause of their overcrowded houses and schools. It must be exposed as an opportunistic attempt by the Labour Party to win those of the electorate who have been thus confused and misled. While fighting these new proposals we must campaign for the repeal of the Commonwealth Immigration Act and an end to all restrictions on immigration based on colour."

NORTH KENSINGTON (LONDON)

Similar amendments from:

EAST ISLINGTON (LONDON)
LEATHERHEAD (SURREY)

340

Line 361. After "defeated" add new sentence:

"Failure to expose and repudiate racialism will make the growth of fascist activities easier".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

341

Line 362. Delete "race-bar" and insert "racialist".

EAST ISLINGTON (LONDON)

342

Line 362. Delete "should" and insert "must".

EAST ISLINGTON (LONDON)

343

Line 363-367. Delete after "repealed" and substitute the following:

"A new immigration Act must be formulated covering all immigrants and eliminating any race discrimination. In order to get to the root of the problem massive aid should be given to the underdeveloped Commonwealth countries to raise their standards of living. The Government should finance more research into the problem and methods of integration."

HIGHFIELDS (EAST MIDLANDS)

344

Line 363. After "repealed" add:

"The erroneous contention that immigrants are responsible for the shortage of houses, schools, etc., must be resolutely fought against".

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

345

Line 363. After "repealed" insert further sentence as follows:

"Replacing it with a detailed plan of integration which takes into account all aspects of social life."

WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS AND DORSET)

346

Line 364-366. Delete all after "strengthened" and add:

"All laws refuting racial discrimination should be most strictly enforced."

TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

347

Line 366. Insert after "education opposed":

"It is the responsibility of the government as well as the labour and trades union movement in each locality, to help immigrant families to overcome the difficulties of settling in a new country, to take their full place in the trades union movement and community life, and to benefit fully from social services. We welcome the participation of the labour movement in many areas in local organisations working for this end".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

348

Line 366. After "opposed" add:

"Greater effort should be made to organise a joint struggle with West Indians and other immigrants against Fascism and race discrimination and for better housing, social services and higher wages. Trade Unionists should actively help coloured immigrants to play a full part in the work of the Unions."

BROMLEY (KENT)

349

Line 366. Delete "and education opposed" and insert:

"education and social activity opposed."

CENTRAL AND PRIORY (LONDON)

350

Line 368. After "proportional representation" add "and the abolition of the payment of £150 deposit".

PARLIAMENT HILL, ST. JOHN'S (LONDON)

KIRKSTALL (YORKSHIRE)

YORKSHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

351

Line 368. After "representation" insert "and votes at 18".

TOOTING AND FURZEDOWN (LONDON)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS (LONDON)

352

Line 368. After "representation" insert comma and continue:

"by a system of transferable vote, voters numbering the candidates in order of preference to ensure the election of the successful candidate by an overall majority".

BYRON, NOTTINGHAM (EAST MIDLANDS)

353

Lines 368-369. Delete "the genuine expression of the political opinions of the people;" and substitute:

"A more honest and realistic presentation of political opinions, emphasising that the virtual monopoly of capitalist control over press, radio, and television, as well as other forms of propaganda, not only prevents the truth being known, but positively conceals the truth in many instances."

TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

354

Line 368. Delete "the genuine . . . people;" insert "a more realistic interpretation of political opinions;"

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

355

Line 369. After "people;" insert "the vote at 18; voting to be made compulsory; General Elections to be held on a Public Holiday specially convened for the occasion;" and continue.

ALLERTON (YORKSHIRE)

356

Line 370. After "the lifting of the ban on radio and television rights for the Communist Party" insert:

"and also the bans that operate against the Daily Worker", then continue as text.

GOVAN (SCOTLAND)

357

Line 371. After "Party"; insert "and other democratic parties".

HANDSWORTH AND LOZELLS, B'HAM (MIDLANDS)

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

358

Lines 371-372. Delete "and".

After "House of Lords" add:

"and the establishment of Parliaments for Wales and Scotland, and the ending of partition of Ireland" . . .

TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)

359

Line 371. Delete "rather than" and insert "not".

DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

360

Lines 374-382. Delete and substitute:
"An immediate programme of this kind is necessary for working class advance and for the building of popular unity. Whether in part or whole it can bring together wide-reaching sections of the people. Trade Unionists and Co-operators, manual workers, technicians and scientists, educationalists and those in the health services, tenants and owner occupiers, pensioners and employed, young people and students, town planners, councillors and commuters—all stand to gain by such an immediate programme. We do not claim that all the proposals in this immediate programme represent the last word or the only possible basis for discussion and united action, but we offer it as a contribution to the movement. Nor do we claim that the immediate proposals even if implemented would constitute socialism or solve all the problems of the people. We claim only that they are first steps towards this; and it is precisely in the fight for them that the understanding can grow of the more radical changes which will be needed and of the different kind of leadership required by the Labour movement."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

361

Line 379. After "heights" add new sentence. "Our Party with its combination of active leadership and dialectical theory will be the decisive element of such a mass struggle."

Its activity and discussion is aimed at reducing the wholesale confusion in the population concerning state, power, class and leadership".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

362

Line 380. Delete "It" and substitute "The struggle".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

363

Line 383. Delete heading and substitute:
"THE BROAD PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

364

Lines 386-399. Delete.

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

365

Lines 387-389. Transfer "labour" from line 389 to line 387.

DARNALL (YORKSHIRE)

366

Line 391. Delete sentence from "Our" to "leadership" and substitute:

"The left in the Labour Party, unorganised and without a common programme, faces great difficulties and obstacles in the

battle it is waging to defeat the heavily entrenched right-wing leadership."

WOODBERRY DOWN (LONDON)

367

Lines 394-398. Delete sentence beginning "This, we said . . ." and substitute the following:

"This can only be done by developing the revolutionary forces under the leadership of the Communist Party, in alliance with socialists in the Labour Party and with militant workers, women, and youth."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

368

Lines 394-398. Delete last sentence of the paragraph ("This we said, . . . Labour Party") and substitute:

"This can only be achieved by the principled unity of the Communist Party with the Labour Left. But the Communist Party must always retain an independent and critical stand in order to eventually gain the leadership of the working class."

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS (SOUTH EAST

MIDLANDS)

369

Line 399. Delete "our . . . alliance" and continue:

"We affirm that the outstanding need is to build the unity of . . ."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

370

Line 401. Insert after "Socialists" comma, and "co-operators".

WOODBERRY DOWN (LONDON)

371

Line 402. After "unionist", add:

"as the basis of a broad progressive alliance."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

372

Line 406. After "colonial wars" insert: "in the fight for jobs and wage advances".

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

373

Line 407. Insert after "questions" new sentence:

"There was also the growth of the left challenge within the Labour Party."

WOODBERRY DOWN (LONDON)

374

Line 407. Delete "left developments in important unions" and insert:

"a development to the left in important unions".

DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

375

Line 408. After "developments in" insert "a few".

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

376

Line 409. After "role" insert:

"However, we should take note of the mounting attacks by the right-wing labour leaders on the socialist youth organisations".

ROCHESTER (KENT)

377

Line 427. Delete "concern", insert:

"function, as with all social democratic Governments".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

378

Line 429. After "result" insert:

"Although some positive reforms and legislation have been introduced".

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

379

Line 430. After "political change in Britain" insert new para.:

"The policies of the Wilson Government threaten disaster for the Labour movement. The narrow majority resulting from twenty years of retreat from socialist principles is made the excuse for still further retreat. In foreign policy, and on the main economic and social issues, the Government has abandoned all the basic features of a working class and socialist approach.

Its foreign policy supports the most open and outrageous imperialist line, colonial wars, American aggression, cold war, nuclear strategy and armaments drive. Nationalisation and socialist planning are no longer even considered. The attacks on trade unionism and threats of legal interference with wage claims are the most reactionary moves by any Government for many years.

If these policies continue unchecked they can only divide and weaken the Labour movement, undermine Labour support in the country and bring strength to every form of reactionary and Tory counter-attack."

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

380

Line 432. After "labour movement" insert:

"with the Communist Party playing a leading role."

CENTRAL AND PRIORY (LONDON)

381

Line 435. Delete last three words "has developed strongly" and insert "is developing".

EAST ISLINGTON (LONDON)

382

Lines 435-456. Delete to word "also" and substitute:

"Congress appeals to all Trade Unionists, Co-operators, Labour Party members and supporters, young socialists and others to unite their forces and overcome all barriers and misunderstandings. It is becoming clear that it is the right-wing and right-wing policies which are rocking the boat; it is those working for a change in policy who are safeguarding the future of the Labour Government. The movement for a change in policy grows daily. A broad and powerful movement opposing the government's support of the U.S. in Vietnam has sprung up which has reached a political

level unparalleled since Suez, uniting powerful trade unions, large numbers of M.P.s. and involving not only Labour supporters but also Liberals and other political tendencies and with considerable support among young people. It is particularly significant that this should happen under a Labour Government. Within the Trade Union movement there is rising opposition to the Incomes Policy and to the attempts to legally shackle the Trade Unions, as shown in the position of such unions as the T. & G.W.U. The substantial votes at the T.U.C. and at the L.P. Conference for a progressive policy indicate the scale of the movement for change. It is not only vital for this movement to grow. It must give rise to . . ."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

383

Lines 436-439. Delete.

SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)

384

Line 440. Delete "There is . . . that it". Insert: "It".

EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

385

Line 442. Delete "Labour Government" and insert "Labour movement". Then add the following sentence:

"A number of important sections of the labour movement are refusing to be hoodwinked by the platitudes of the Labour Government."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

386

Line 447. After "executives" add new sentence. "Millions of women, thinking of getting equal pay in the near future, once mobilised, will sweep aside Brown's policy".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

387

Line 447.

"and over 2½ million votes were cast against the proposed new legislation at the Labour Party Conference."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

388

Line 451. After "country." Insert:

"In addition, a significant number of Left M.P.s have fought against other aspects of Right Wing policy."

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

389

Line 451. Insert:

The hundred Labour M.P.s who have taken a stand on the ending of the war in Vietnam, and those who have fought for the implementation of Socialist policies, have played a very important role, and demonstrated the advance that has taken place since the 1945 Labour Government.

SOUTH NOTTINGHAM (EAST MIDLANDS)

390

Lines 454-470. Delete these two paras. and substitute:

"But this advance can only take place if

there is a decisive growth of united purpose and understanding in the whole left movement. It requires not only increased mass activity on every urgent issue, but also organised and systematic development of united left action so as to change the balance of forces and break the right wing domination of the Labour movement.

The Left movement will develop to the extent that the understanding grows that the power of the Right Wing can only be broken by the united efforts of all Left and Communist forces, joining in mass public campaigning for new policies and in continuous struggle in the trade union and labour movement. Growing Left-Communist unity is the only way to win new policies, new leadership and ensure the future complete defeat of Toryism.

For this the activities, size and influence of the Communist Party are of key importance. We must demonstrate that the strengthening of our Party is at every stage a strengthening of the entire Left movement. While advancing the public work of the Communist Party and building our membership and organisation, we must be the foremost champions of co-operation and genuine united work with every progressive section of the people.

The most vital conditions for a Left advance now are:

(1) to achieve wide agreement on a popular political programme, for which the Communist Party has outlined its proposals above.

(2) far-reaching changes of a left-progressive character in the trade union movement, and the removal of bans and proscriptions.

(3) the development of friendly relations and united political activity between Communist, Socialist and all progressive movements.

(4) a growth of the membership of the Communist Party and its political campaigning and electoral work."

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

391

Lines 459 to 470. Delete from "For this the activities . . ." down to "work" and substitute:

"This development can be tackled in a concrete way by the launching of a broadly based but organised campaign, such as we have seen on peace and other issues, directed specifically to three vital issues:

(a) agreement on and agitation for a popular political programme outlined above;

(b) far-reaching changes of a left-progressive character in the trade union movement and the removal of bans and proscriptions;

(c) the development of friendly relations between Communists and Socialists and all progressive movements.

For this a growth in the member-

ship of the Communist Party and in its political campaigning and electoral work are decisive. In its mass campaigning the Party must avoid all sectarian and opportunist tendencies."

SURBITON (SURREY)

392

Lines 459-472. Delete from "for".

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

393

Line 460. After "are decisive", insert: "The closest attention should be given to seeking a bridge of friendly relations with labour movement activists, labour councillors etc., in all the localities as well as the T.U. branches and factories. The initiation of broad movements on the many issues causing deep concern among the people can spring from such relationships. In all this work and mass campaigning the Party must avoid all sectarian and opportunist tendencies."

WEST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

394

Lines 460-462. Transpose the sentence "In its mass campaigning . . . and opportunist tendencies" to follow on from "work" on line 470.

DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

395

Line 463. Delete "four" and insert "five".

NORTH ISLINGTON (LONDON)

396

Line 464. Delete whole of section (b) and substitute the following:

"(b) Removal of bans and proscriptions in the trade union movement and the defence of democratic trade union rights for all members."

NORWOOD (LONDON)

397

Line 468. After "movements; (d)" insert:

"Work in close co-operation with Immigrant Workers' Associations, e.g. the Indian Workers' Association, for solidarity on racial issues, and to relate them to the class struggle; (e)".

LEEDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

398

Line 468. After "movements" add: "and between Communist and Labour Party branches".

OXFORD COUNTRY (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

399

Line 468. Add after "movements":

"Electoral support should be given only to those Labour candidates who have consistently advocated and fought for genuine Socialist policies both in and outside Parliament. Wherever possible, Communist Party candidates should oppose right-wing members of the present government."

BASILDON (ESSEX)

400

Line 470. Add after "work":

"To achieve all these things a massive campaign must be mounted by the Communist Party to:

(a) strengthen the Marxist - Leninist understanding of all our comrades with particular attention to new members and members of the Y.C.L.

(b) To give non-Party socialists and progressives a Marxist-Leninist approach to present problems."

ABERDEEN CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)

401

Line 470. After "work" add:

"including sufficient number of Parliamentary candidates for the party to be seen as an electoral force".

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

402

Line 470. After "work" insert:

"(e) an improvement in the public standing of the Communist Party. We must make sure that we are seen to be what we in fact are—an independent British Party, offering support, but not uncritical support, for the world Communist movement and having a realistic and critical assessment of our own position."

STROUD GREEN (LONDON)

403

Line 470. After "work" add new section:

"(e) a growth in the Marxist understanding of the membership."

NORTH ISLINGTON (LONDON)

404

Line 470. After "work" insert:

" , because unity of all progressive forces is impossible without a strong Communist Party."

BECKENHAM AND PENGES (KENT)

405

Lines 471-472. Delete sentence and substitute the following:

"These things are part and parcel of the process of winning concessions in Government policy and laying the basis for a Government with a radically changed policy."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

406

Line 474. After "trade unions" insert:

"This Congress reaffirms its basic conclusions and resolves to intensify the campaign for its realisation."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

407

Line 477. Delete "Government Ministries" and insert:

"the Government, with its threat of legislation."

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

408

Line 477. After "Ministries" insert:

"and the establishment of . . ."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

409

Line 477. After "Ministries" add:
"and some trade union officials themselves."

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

410

Line 478. Delete "This . . . of".

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

411

Line 480. After "extended" delete full stop, insert comma, and add:

"by working for a deeper understanding of the political issues underlying all industrial activity, fully co-ordinated at all levels."

WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS AND
DORSET)

412

Line 480. After "extended." add following new paragraph:

"Since the first World War the ruling class has sought to make the trade union apparatus part of their own establishment in order to control and weaken the struggle of the workers. To this end they have introduced a whole morass of arbitration and conciliation machinery which tends to choke the workers in their just struggle. Right-wing trade union officials have been among the most ardent assistants of the ruling class in this work."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

413

Line 483. After "to use this weapon" add the following sentence:

"Communists must lead and develop the struggle of militant trade unionists to try and cut through the checks and brakes which the ruling class has imposed and, wherever practicable, try to wage a direct struggle with the employers, winning concessions by direct action."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

414

Line 483. After "weapon" add:

"Particularly to be deplored is the attempt by the Right-Wing of the Labour Party to use the closed shop as a weapon against the trade union movement."

SHIPLEY (YORKSHIRE)

415

Line 484. Delete "The trade union . . . political struggle." and insert:

"The trade union movement must become a united democratic instrument of working class strength for use in the economic and political struggle. To help achieve this the struggle against bans and proscriptions must be intensified".

REIGATE (SURREY)

416

Line 486. After "our aim is" insert:

"to build the trade union movement and".

CENTRAL AND PRIORY (LONDON)

417

Line 488. Delete "The trade unions . . . as a whole".

FORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

418

Line 497. After "constituency parties". Add:

"Trade union branches should be affiliated to local labour parties and local trades councils".

KENTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

419

Line 497. Delete stop after "parties". Add: "and ensuring that genuine Socialists are selected as Parliamentary candidates".

EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

420

Lines 498-514. Delete and substitute:

"We must not limit this broad progressive alliance to what is traditionally considered the "left" in the Trade Union and Labour movement. The forces that can be involved go far beyond the existing "left" groups and include substantial bodies of the working people, both manual and white-collar, active members of various churches and others who for one reason or another are stirred into action by their experience.

Congress highly values and declares its support and encouragement for those working for such a change in policy. If these forces unite they can defeat right wing policies and bring about also the changes in the leadership of the movement which are necessary. But the full development of such an alliance requires the full participation and strengthening of the Communist Party, which has made and is making a notable contribution towards the building of this alliance.

The greater the difficulties of the right wing, the more they will use anti-Communism to attack the militant sections. Not only must anti-Communism be rejected but we call on the whole Labour Movement to break down the anti-democratic bans and proscriptions which hinder the full unity of the movement. To help accomplish this is one of the foremost tasks of the Communist Party in the coming period."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

421

Line 500. After "organisation" add: "especially the forming of Joint Combine Committees which are essential if workshop organisation is to keep abreast of monopoly development".

FORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

422

Line 500. After "shop steward organisation" insert new sentence:

"The great advance needed in political understanding and democratic activity by the mass of trade union members can only be generated by vigorous political

campaigning, above all in the factories, pits, depots and docks".

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

423

Line 500. After "organisation" insert: "The key to working-class power is to reach the mass of people with the revolutionary ideas that are capable of confronting capitalist ideology that permeates the working-class movement.

This can best be done at their place of work, whether it be in the factory, mine, or office, where greater numbers of people congregate together for longer periods of time. It becomes more apparent that we are less able to reach people in the community where they live; the changing life in the society determines this. People no longer attend meetings, or participate in social life in the way they did; new media have entered their lives, and these mass methods of propaganda are controlled by the capitalist class and state, that reach them directly in their homes.

The weakness in our work stems directly from the fact that we use the traditional capitalist machinery in order to try and change society. A Marxist-Leninist Party needs to be organised with the main emphasis based on place of work as the key organisation around which the Party can win the masses to challenge the continuance of capitalist society. This demands that the party is re-organised on this basis, the building of branches related directly to the industries, factories, offices or professions in which the various workers are engaged.

It is imperative that this be carried into effect immediately to offset the stagnation that has gripped our party for years and prevented it fulfilling its role as an instrument for working-class power."

ERITH FACTORY (KENT)

424

Line 502. Delete "We need an" insert: "It is of extreme importance to carry out an".

HEELEY, SHEFFIELD (YORKSHIRE)

425

Line 504. After "branches" add: "We must also make a far more serious effort to organise as many workers as possible, not only factory workers, at their place of work. We must use the talent of all members in their field of work."

BROMLEY (KENT)

426

Line 504. At end of line insert: "That each District Committee shall set up an industrial committee, which should be of members working in that industry, i.e. Engineering, Building, Transport, etc., and that all such committees shall report back to the District Committee."

MIDDLETON (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

427

Line 504. After "branches" insert:
"and lifting the level of activity of existing ones to that of the best."

EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

428

Line 511. Delete sentence commencing "Anti-Communism is a menace . . . disruptive and dangerous". Replace with new sentence:

"There is a need for patient explanation of the ideas and practice of Communism to eradicate the wrong ideas held by many in the left-progressive movement".

WALLASEY (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

429

Line 414. Insert extra sentence at end of line as follows:

"Communist Party and Labour Party branches should work closer together."

SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)

430

Line 518. Delete "Communist" insert:
"people of their choice".

OLDHAM (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

431

Lines 521-531. Delete and substitute:
"The strength and influence of the C.P. is not only the concern of the Party membership, but of all those who desire to see Britain advance in socialism.

"In striving to overcome the prejudices and misunderstandings which hold back the unity of Communists and non-Communists, Congress recognises that the Communist Party has also contributed to these misunderstandings. We call on our entire membership and on all our Party organisations from top to bottom, to overcome sectarianism, to break free from any imposed isolation, to multiply their links with all possible sections of the Labour movement and the people, to seek out the common ground that unites us, to end false feelings of superiority.

At the same time experience shows that the movement will not fully develop if the Communist Party is submerged and its independent effort is blunted.

Congress calls on the incoming Executive to launch a powerful campaign for the development of a programme for unity and action for unity, involving the whole Party which can help to lift up the level of the entire movement. Every member, every party organisation should seek friendly discussion and association with Labour and co-operative people, shop stewards, councillors, trade union secretaries and M.P's. We should do all in our power to work with all sections of the peace movement, the committees on Vietnam, the movements against colonialism and other similar bodies.

Specially important for the building up of unity is the degree to which the factories, depots, sites and pits must become the main centres of united action from which

the organised working class exerts its influence throughout the entire movement. The strengthening of workshop and shop stewards organisation is important for the future of the movement. The increase of Communist strength in the factories is similarly necessary if the working class is to increase its political leadership.

Our *Daily Worker* has an enormous contribution to make towards the building up of such broad united action. It must become increasingly the voice of all these forces and a weapon for unity.

Congress expresses its serious discontent with the low circulation which prevents the D.W. playing such a role. We welcome the proposed 6.pp. and look to the D.W. to accompany this change with fresh initiatives in winning wider circles to associate themselves with the paper and to be prepared to break with accepted lay-out and presentation in order to play this role in the movement."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

432

Lines 523-524. Delete after "them." and insert:

"We should continue to support every progressive left movement and left expression.

WESTMINSTER (LONDON)

433

Line 524. After "next period" insert:
"The Communist Party invites the trade union rank and file members, all union officials at all levels, all members of the Labour Party, all Labour Party Members of Parliament, and all interested in the Socialist movement:

1. To consider the reasons why so many high-ranking union officials and so many Labour Party Members of Parliament, especially those with Cabinet rank and expectations, are drawn toward the Right-wing of the Socialist Movement.

2. To examine whether it might be the incidence of large remuneration given to these higher officials and Labour Party Members of Parliament, coupled with power over people which so often goes with promotion in status, which gradually causes a mental change in their outlook on and attitude to Socialism and to the needs and aspirations of the rank and file.

3. To investigate (a) the possibility that this trend by these higher officials, at least, might be modified by decreasing their remunerations to a dimension nearer to the average national earnings of the rank and file, thereby restricting their capacity to enter the ranks of the rich people who are the natural enemies of the Socialist movement, and (b) the advisability of investing the rank and

file with the prerogative to dismiss higher officials if and when such officials do not carry out decisions of representative conferences held to determine policy.

4. To question whether it is in the interests of Socialism that workers' representatives should accept knight-hoods and peerages, since these "Honours" are totally contrary to the ideological concepts of Socialism".

FARNBOROUGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

434

Line 524. After "period" insert:

"It must entail an examination of the bogies which still attach to us with a view to eliminating them."

STROUD GREEN (LONDON)

435

Line 527. After "Worker" insert:

"which necessitates a big improvement in quality and a policy of widening the paper's appeal".

HINTER GREEN AND FOREST HILL (LONDON)

436

Line 527. After "Worker", insert:

" , and greatly increase sales of our pamphlets, books and other literature."

CLAPHAM (LONDON)

437

Line 531. Add:

"In this connection it is important that every Party branch regularly holds special meetings to consider planned *Daily Worker* campaigns and to arrange targets in this respect, tackling first our own members then reaching out to the broader sections of the British people.

We feel there is a necessity for our Party to reiterate the importance of the *Daily Worker* as our chief propaganda organ electorally and in all aspects of campaigning."

BLYTH NORTH EAST

438

Line 531. Add new sentence:

"To achieve these aims it will be necessary for all Party Branches to make a regular considered appraisal of, and pay specific attention to, the problems and possibilities of *Daily Worker* growth, with the aim of achieving a 60,000 circulation daily, by March."

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

VI. THE COMMUNIST PARTY

439

Lines 532-541. Delete heading "VI. THE COMMUNIST PARTY" from line 532 and insert instead after line 541.

BELSIZE/SOUTHEND (LONDON)

440

Delete heading and substitute:

"BUILDING THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, AND THE CIRCULATION OF THE *DAILY WORKER*".

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

441 Line 532. Insert this sentence at beginning of para:

"The immediate task of the Communist Party is to preserve peace and to promote socialism."

ST. JOHN'S, SWANSEA (WALES)

442 Line 534. After "rests on our Party" add: "The prime task is the fight for peace".

CASTLE, SWANSEA (WALES)

443 Lines 532-541. Insert as a paragraph before the last paragraph in Section V.

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

444 Lines 532-548. Delete and substitute: "Experience of this Labour Government, as of the previous ones makes it plain that advance of the whole of the Labour movement is inseparably linked with the advance of the Communist Party, the building up of the Young Communist League and a substantial increase in the sales of the *Daily Worker*."

As the battle to resolve the crisis of British imperialism develops so can understanding grow of the need for fundamental and basic changes leading towards socialism."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

445 Lines 533-534. Delete "We should" up to "expression".

HOUNSLOW (WEST MIDDLESEX)

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

446 Lines 533-534. Delete from "Support" to "expression" and substitute:

"initiate and support joint action with all other organisations and groups around issues on which we have a common policy."

BELSIZE/SOUTHEND (LONDON)

447 Line 535. Delete "left movement and left expression." insert:

"expression of left and progressive movement."

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

448 Line 535. Insert "constructive" before "left movement".

DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

449 Line 538. Delete "do all . . . work with" insert:

"continue to work in and develop".

HITHER GREEN AND FOREST HILL (LONDON)

450 Line 542. Delete paragraph and rewrite as follows:

"Left progressive advance is bound up with a rapid growth of the Party and the Young Communist League and an increase in *Daily Worker* sales."

SUSSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

451 Line 545. Insert after "*Daily Worker*" "and other Party literature".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

452 Line 546. After "*Daily Worker*" add: "This must be coupled with an improvement in the level of activity and understanding of every Party member."

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

453 Line 548. Delete "further".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

454 Lines 547-548. Delete sentence and substitute following: "The development of a united mass struggle for the realisation of the broad popular programme we have outlined can lay the basis for further advance."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

455 Line 548. Insert new paragraphs as follows after amended lines 547-8 as follows:

"However, the struggle for immediate aims does *not* lead automatically to the creation of conditions for the further advance to socialism."

The Party must take great care that the struggle for immediate aims is at all times linked with ideological explanation of the position of the ruling class and the position of our Party, so that the limited nature of immediate aims is made clearly apparent, and that only a revolutionary transformation of society can solve the basic problems of the working people.

That is why it is necessary to wage a continuous ideological battle in the Party to get rid of pernicious ruling class influences: illusions concerning the Labour Government, the benevolence of the ruling class, the peaceful inclinations of imperialism; in short, against all kinds of revisionism and dogmatism."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

456 Line 548. After ". . . advance to socialism," insert new paragraph:

"Socialism means jobs for all, good wages and shorter hours. It means a good home for every family, social security and a healthy nation. Socialism will bring plenty for all, a conception of life that is not just work, bread, tele and bed, but one which provides great opportunities for leisure and recreation, wider cultural interests and facilities through which all the genius and ability of working people can have full scope. Socialism means for their children a democratic educational system from the nursery school to the university, unfettered by wealth and class privilege; an education that inspires and enlarges vision. Socialism means a fuller life where the people are able to enjoy all that the rich take for

granted as their exclusive rights—to travel and to study, to enjoy the arts and master science, to have in their homes all the comforts and pleasures which the rich want in theirs. Socialism means an extension of democracy throughout all institutions and the ending of class snobbery and privilege".

FULHAM (LONDON)

457 Lines 549-552. Delete from "We adhere . . . conditions." Rewrite:

"We reaffirm our conviction that the aims set out in The British Road to Socialism for the peaceful transition to socialism are best adapted to British conditions."

SUSSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

458 Lines 549-559. Delete "We adhere" to end and substitute:

"The British Road to Socialism' is inadequate at the present stage of historical development. This Congress resolves to make a full reappraisal of the situation and to issue a new Party Programme based on a correct Marxist-Leninist foundation."

TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

459 Lines 549-561. Delete both paragraphs and substitute the following:

"We adhere to the aims set out in 'The British Road to Socialism', for the peaceful transition to socialism in the conditions of Britain. Its realisation depends on the mass struggle, strength, unity, and political awareness of the working class, leading the majority of the people so as to check and bar the road to any attempt at anti-democratic resistance by the representatives of the old social order, from within our country or by pressure or military interference by the forces of imperialism abroad."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

460 Line 549. Delete "aims", substitute "analysis".

BRIXTON (LONDON)

461 Line 550. Delete "for the", substituting: "which states the possibility of a".

BRIXTON (LONDON)

462 Line 552. After "conditions" insert new sentence:

"However, it is necessary to remind ourselves that betrayal by the parliamentary Labour Party of its declared socialist aims creates a grave situation, and such a path of peaceful transition may be blocked."

WIMBLEDON (SURREY)

463 Line 554. Delete "any attempt" insert: "all present and future attempts".

LEITH (SCOTLAND)

464

Line 554. Delete rest of sentence after "people" and substitute:

"to be ready to smash any attempt at counter revolution by the dispossessed class."

SHIRLEY, SOUTHAMPTON (HANTS AND
DORSET)

465

Line 556. After "social order." insert:

"That this will not be an easy task is illustrated by the measures now being taken by Right-Wing Labour leaders on behalf of monopoly capitalism."

SHIPLEY (YORKSHIRE)

466

Lines 557-559. Delete lines 557, 558 and first four words in line 559, "than ever they were".

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE

467

Lines 557-559. Delete sentence.

SUSSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

468

Lines 557-561. Delete this paragraph: "The aims . . . constantly explained".

Insert:

"The Communist Party is the only political party in Britain which fights for Socialism. A new campaign to popularise the "British Road to Socialism" must be launched. It should take the form of public rallies, popular lectures, and printed material which should reach out to the whole Labour Movement. Our aims of Socialism must be more continuously and confidently linked up in all our propaganda on important issues of struggle".

LANCS AND CHESHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

469

Lines 558-559. Delete "more"; substitute "as".

Delete "than"; substitute "as".

MARYLEBONE (LONDON)

470

Line 560. Delete "—which alone can finally solve the problems of the people—".

DULWICH AND NUNHEAD (LONDON)

471

Lines 562-5. Delete.

SUSSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

472

Lines 562-577. Delete and substitute the following:

"Unless the working class possesses a Party with a clear theoretical socialist basis (Marxism-Leninism) nationally organised, with firm roots in the factories and main industries and with a socialist programme, it cannot lead the advance to political power.

Experience since the formation of the Labour Party shows that the socialist forces require an organised political Party, active and campaigning, independent of right-wing pressure and control if its

right wing policies and leaderships are to be defeated.

The full growth of the broad progressive alliance and the strengthening of the left forces are impossible without the growth of the Communist Party and in turn, the growth of the Communist Party itself depends on the development of the broad alliance; they are interconnected. The Communist Party presents itself as a force both revolutionary and democratic. We seek no monopoly of leadership, but to serve and work with all the socialist and progressive forces in the movement".

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

473

Line 563. Delete "Only a party with a clear theoretical socialist basis (Marxism-Leninism) nationally organised" and substitute:

"Only a party with a clear Marxist-Leninist basis,"

HOUNSLOW (WEST MIDDLESEX)

474

Line 568. Delete sentence and replace by: "To defeat capitalism requires also an independent working class party organised to campaign in the factories and places of work as well as in the localities on a socialist programme. To express the needs of the working class and strengthen the Labour Movement its objectives must be realistic and its work effective. Only a party guided in its thought and activity by Marxism and linked with the experience of the world movement can do this".

SUSSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

475

Line 569. After "trade unions" add: "trades councils and peace movements".

KENTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

476

Line 570. After "campaigning" add: "large enough to be effective".

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

477

Line 571. Add to end of paragraph "except for its inadequate numbers".

HYDE PARK (YORKSHIRE)

478

Lines 572-3. Delete and substitute:

"The success of the next stage of struggle and the building of a broad militant alliance will depend on the extent to which the Communist Party continually grows and becomes a mass party, linked with the working people and their main organisations (of every kind). This is the challenge facing the Party".

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

479

Line 573. After this line add:

"The political and mass influence of the Party must stem from its organisation at the place of work in the factories, shipyards, docks, mines, transport, etc. As a result of technological change and rational-

isation by the monopolists, new types of industries and a new type of worker is emerging, creating new areas of organisation requiring new approaches by our Party in the growing influential sectors of the economy.

We must broaden our vision in building the Party, not only in the factory amongst the industrial workers, but at every establishment where Communists work, then aim patiently to build our organisation, giving day to day leadership. Learning to work in the most difficult circumstances and safeguarding our organisation in accordance with the prevailing situation.

It is because we aim to take over the means of production that we differ fundamentally in our approach to organisation from that of the Social Democrats.

Following the adoption of the British Road to Socialism, some major mistakes developed over the years in our basic organisational approach. In particular, was the shift in emphasis from the building of the Party at the point of production to that of electoral organisation. Many of the weaknesses of our Party growth, its influence in industry, the trade union movement and in the electoral fields, our inability to influence ever widening sections of the masses to react with increasing maturity against the attacks of the monopolists, all stemmed from this shift in emphasis.

It is imperative for the ultimate victory of the working class that our Party organisation must be deeply entrenched in the industrial complexes of monopoly capitalism. These are the main arteries linking our revolutionary policies with the heart of the working class, inter-related with the area and district organisation. It is here where massive discussion of our policy, its correctness and adoption by the working class can only effectually take root. It is here at the point of production where the main contradiction between exploited and exploiter takes place and where the workers must finally take over if socialism is to be won.

The entire organisation and educational strategy of our Party must be weighted in this direction as the firm foundation for creating the ultimate concrete expression of the working class for social change, and in the process reaching out with growing influence within the trade union and labour movement to win support for our Party in the electoral field.

Our organisation at the point of production, at the place of work, must be recognised as the indispensable fortress of the working class to develop leadership and influence, and it must be the springboard on which to reach out to the people for the adoption of our policy".

PLYMOUTH (DEVON AND CORNWALL)

480

Line 573. After "mass organisation" insert:

"We will achieve this to the extent that we help and encourage all Party Branches to play a much more active part in the struggle of their local communities."

OXFORD (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

481

Line 573. Add at end of sentence:

"The establishment and strengthening of Party Branches is central to this and the formation and development of factory branches must take priority".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

482

Line 580. After "country" insert:

"But many branches are still failing to seize their opportunities to take a lead on the day-to-day issues in their locality. All branches must learn to work in a new way."

STROUD GREEN (LONDON)

483

Lines 580-598. After "country" line 580 delete all up to line 598 to "electoral progress" and substitute the following:

"In the local and national elections we extended the scope of our effort and were seen more clearly than previously as an independent political party in our own right, but we failed to make the impact which the situation warranted and made possible.

This was due in part to the long standing objective difficulties, i.e. the slanted electoral system creating the problem of how best to express opposition to the Tories, the denial of TV time, etc., but there were weaknesses in our own approach which need to be speedily overcome if we are to make the required advance. These were:

The artificial separation of much of the 'industrial' and 'political' work.

A serious underestimation of the importance of carrying all our work into the electoral field.

A consequential failure to develop mass actions in a way that is reflected increasingly in votes.

The Party leadership while formally presenting a correct line appeared to lack an overall strategy that was seen and understood either by the leadership or the members, often resulting in a lack of purpose, resolve and drive to overcome these weaknesses.

The challenging of Home as a means of winning TV time, showed an undue reliance upon legal technicalities, when a fight launched much earlier to increase the number of Parliamentary Candidates would have been more rewarding."

SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

484

Line 584. After this line insert:

"However, there was a tendency to see our electoral efforts as something isolated, an end in themselves, and not as an integral

part of the development of the movement. In the continuous correction of past mistakes, when we built huge mass movements but failed to build the Party and our electoral position, we underestimated the role of the mass movement. Insufficient stress was laid on the necessity for the working class to be involved in struggle against capitalist policies, side by side with the presentation of our policy as an essential part of building large-scale support for our candidates. Failure to make a sufficiently deep analysis of the election results together with these omissions led to a certain unnecessary disappointment being felt by some of our supporters".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

485

Line 586. After "system" insert:

"which is full of undemocratic devices such as the imposition of the £150 deposit and the absence of proportional representation."

SYDENHAM (LONDON)

486

Line 592. After "from television" insert following new sentence:

"That we should point out to the Labour Party that as our policy is to vote Labour when a Communist does not stand in elections, that we also expect that the Labour Party should support us in allowing us time on the television to put our policy."

BIRKENHEAD (LANCS)

487

Line 592. After sentence ending "from television" add:

"In order to ensure that in the future we are represented on television the Communist Party will field Fifty candidates or the requisite number in order to qualify for our fair ratio of television time".

DROYLSDEN (LANCASHIRE)

488

Lines 593-605. Delete 593 to line 605 inclusive, and insert:

"Because of the virtual impossibility of the Communist Party making any impact in Parliament by the election of M.P's., because the present political set-up precludes the election of representatives from other than the two major parties (the election of a small group of Liberal M.P's., notwithstanding), there is a need for a decisive change in our attitude to parliamentary elections. The contests should be drastically reduced to those areas where long-established Party work and leadership makes a real parliamentary election contest possible. This also applies to local elections; but here the possibility of far wider participation is possible.

The Party must take advantage of the federal nature of the Labour Party to build up its influence in the factories, trade unions and co-operatives, so that a decisive change can be made in the policies

of the Labour Party, and the selection of genuine left-wing prospective candidates. One of the key aims must be the ending of all bans and proscriptions, together with a campaign to win the Labour movement for electoral reform making possible the election of M.P's. more truly corresponding to the political strength of each party. This is the way that eventually a Socialist and Communist majority in Parliament will be achieved, and the aims outlined in the 'British Road to Socialism' realised."

FINSBURY (LONDON)

489

Line 594. Between "extended" and "as" insert:

"together with other forms of class struggle."

WIMBLEDON (SURREY)

490

Line 595. Omit "No amount of work in . . . in unity with the left".

CAMDEN/BARTHOLOMEW,
CAMDEN RAILS (LONDON)

491

Line 596. After "substitute for it." insert new sentence:

"Parliamentary success will come when our programme wins acceptance in the country. But this will not happen unless widespread confidence in our judgment and leadership is built up in the localities and on councils. Progress here requires the same detailed attention and time given by active members and leading committees as they give to wages and peace. In particular, when we plan our work, any tendency to grade peace and national issues, on the one hand, and local issues on the other, into first and second class politics must be avoided."

SUSSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

492

Line 598. At end of line add:

"In some cases the actual choice of area to contest could well help to demonstrate the Party's position of hostility towards Right wing Labour, or its desire for united action with the Left of the Labour Party."

LEYTON (SOUTH ESSEX)

493

Line 598. After "electoral progress." add: "Generally speaking however we should not contest where splitting the workers vote would let in a capitalist candidate."

SHIPLEY (YORKSHIRE)

494

Line 598. After "electoral progress" add: "This will be done by being a clear alternative to the Labour Party in the political arena."

BIRKENHEAD (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

495

Line 598. After "progress" insert:

"The new Executive must immediately work out the tactics of how and where we can extend our contests in the next General Election, and should reconsider whether

we ought to continue to give support to all Labour candidates where we are not contesting."

STROUD GREEN (LONDON)

496

Line 598. Insert "also" between "but" and "its" then add:

"and this requires, among other things, extension of our work and influence in the factories."

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

497

Line 600. After "Communist MPs," insert:

"achieved on the basis of a much greater Communist Party, doubling the number of contests between now and 1967, and".

KIRKBY (LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE)

498

Line 601. Delete from "The aim" to line 603 ending with "greater Communist" and insert:

"The achievement of a Socialist and Communist majority in Parliament depends above all on winning unity in the Labour Movement through united mass action. This will make possible a much greater and more successful Communist".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

499

Lines 601-605. Delete sentence starting "The aim . . . to vote Communist" and substitute the following:

"The aim of a united Left Labour and Communist majority in Parliament to carry through a Socialist programme hinges on the election of a strong group of Communist M.P.s. This will only be achieved on the basis of a much greater Communist participation in elections, both local and Parliamentary, giving far more people than at present the opportunity to vote Communist."

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

500

Line 602. Delete "only be achieved . . . vote Communist", insert:

"be achieved on the basis of a much greater Communist participation in elections, both local and Parliamentary, giving far more people than at present the opportunity to vote Communist, but this will depend on the extent to which our policy is carried to the people, and to which they are involved in action for their demands."

BRISTOL WEST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

501

Line 604. After "Parliamentary" insert: "and far more participation in the people's local issues."

WIMBLEDON (SURREY)

502

Line 605. Add after ". . . Communist", new paragraph:

"We cannot expect any significant increase in our votes, unless a significant part

of the Labour movement is not only won for agreement with our policy but begins to lead people into action for its demands. Working for this is the most important thing we can do and the Party's organisation must be geared to this primary task".

CAMDEN/BARTHOLOMEW (LONDON)

CAMDEN RAILS (LONDON)

503

Line 605. Add:

"and many more are involved in struggle".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

504

Line 605. Add:

"At the same time it would be inadequate to assess our electoral results on the basis of votes won or lost or in isolation from the struggle on peace, housing, education, wages and the major political events, from which it is possible to build the mass movement and support for our policy and party."

REIGATE (SURREY)

505

Line 605. After "vote Communist", insert new paragraph:

"Increasing numbers of Communist councillors must be elected if our policies on the social services are to be put into effect. Our aim is for every Party branch to be involved in local elections, contesting as many wards as possible."

BECKENHAM AND FENGE (KENT)

506

Line 606. Delete.

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

BECKENHAM AND FENGE (KENT)

507

Lines 607-642. Delete and substitute:

"Congress is highly critical of the position as regards Party life and membership. While the Party grew between 1963 and 1964, it lost ground between 1964 and 1965, and we ended up with a slight decline in membership. We must study the reasons for this if we are to overcome our weaknesses. During this period there were factors such as:

(a) the strong feeling in the movement in the election year of 1964 that the most important issue was the return of the Labour Government and the illusions about Harold Wilson's political position;

(b) feeling of unclarity and insecurity among our own membership resulting partly from the disunity in the international Communist movement.

There were weaknesses in our own work:

(a) the inability to combine our electoral work with the effort to build up united action and to influence the Labour movement as a whole. This has contributed to a certain isolation which harms the Party growth;

(b) the failure to grasp the significance

of the awakened political mood of young people though the evidence for this has come in the 1,000 new recruits to the Y.C.L. in less than a year;

(c) the insufficient attention, during the period of growth particularly, to consolidating our gains especially in improving branch life and political education.

These factors have helped to produce a sense of frustration and lack of confidence in the Party and the need to build it. For those which are under our control, the Party leadership naturally accepts responsibility. The entire Party must rally round the new Executive to overcome these problems and register a new striking advance for the Party so that we can make progress towards the aim of 50,000 members set by our last Congress.

We instruct the new E.C. to launch a campaign for the development of every kind of united action; to involve all our Party organisations and large numbers of our members in joint work and discussion with all who desire a change. We must reach out to all those disillusioned with right-wing policy to convince them that in the Communist Party they will find an organisation and a policy that is indispensable in the fight for socialism.

We call on our constituencies where Communist Parliamentary candidates have been adopted to show to the whole country the importance of our fight on policy and for Communist representation.

We call on all our organisations to implement the proposals of the Committee on Organisation particularly in the improvement of Branch life and contact with the membership. We welcome the 1,000 new members of the Young Communist League as a sign of the changes which are taking place, though as yet the Party seems still unaware of the enormous opportunities for its work among young people. We call for a powerful development of Communist work among youth and the establishment of many new Branches of the Young Communist League with the direct aid of the Communist Party."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

508

Line 606. After ". . . challenge facing the Party" add:

"and can only be met by an immediate change in our approach to Electoral Reform. The present support for the 'Single Transferable Vote', must be replaced by the only truly democratic method, namely 'Proportional Representation', the full explanation and understanding of which must be made known throughout Britain by every means available".

FARNBOROUGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

509

Lines 607-609. Delete these lines and insert:

"Despite previous advances we suffered a slight loss of membership between 1964 and 1965".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

510

Line 607. Delete "however".

BECKENHAM AND PENGEE (KENT)

511

Line 617. After "difficult" add new sentence:

"Our Party must firmly refuse to assist in the growth of these illusions".

WIMBLEDON (SURREY)

512

Line 617. After "difficult." add:

"This has been to some extent caused by a lack of confidence, itself partly brought about by our failure to fight sufficiently hard against the wrong and demoralising ideas spread by the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, some of whose supporters have attempted to break up our Party."

COLLIERS WOOD (SURREY)

513

Lines 620-625. Delete "and" and insert a comma, delete line 621 and insert:

"and a certain neglect of factory work".

Delete lines 623, 624 and 625.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

514

Line 621. Insert after line 621:

"But it has to be recognised that the progress has been uneven and that some branches are finding it difficult to maintain the activities of their members and to develop branch life in a satisfactory way. To these branches, who in their day to day activity have been unable to overcome their isolation from the rest of the Labour Movement, the aim of breaking the grip of the big monopolies or returning a group of Communist M.P.'s without the attainment of more immediate objectives, seem too remote to give meaning to their work. It is the responsibility of the Executive Committee and District committees to help these branches to work out realistic immediate aims which can help them to build a left progressive alliance in their localities."

MORTLAKE AND RICHMOND (SURREY)

515

Line 617. After "atmosphere difficult". Insert:

"and in the present phase, the betrayal of the Labour leadership has produced a climate in which we can expect further difficulties".

LEEDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

516

Line 617. After this line insert:

"The divisions in the international

communist movement lessened the Party's self-confidence. The ability of the right-wing in the E.T.U. to impose bans on Communists was a further factor.

However, the objective situation was not entirely responsible for the serious position which in some ways exists in the Party. This is reflected in membership, *Daily Worker* circulation, the level of dues payment, literature sales and other aspects of work connected with our mobilisation.

Our failure to discuss openly many problems has contributed. Included in these has been our mistaken tactics in regard to the international communist movement dispute. We shall pay a heavy price if we continue with the situation where a large proportion of our membership does not realise what our attitude to the March meeting of Communist Parties really was. Whilst many will support it, this should not preclude a frank discussion in our Party branches of the differences, and the reasons for them, between us and the overwhelming majority of parties represented in Moscow".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

517

Line 621. Add new sentence after "recently".

"Wastage in the Party due to members leaving should be combated by intensive political education among all members and with particular reference to new members, a drastic and thorough review of educational methods and materials should be undertaken, and a programme of education at all levels should be developed".

GRANGE (WEST MIDDLESEX)

518

Line 622. Delete sentence "while . . . factory work".

Substitute:

"We must question whether the emphasis on our electoral work was correct, as it led to a certain neglect of factory and other basic work, which was another factor contributing to our Party's decline in membership in 1964".

BRISTOL NORTH EAST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

519

Line 622. Delete "While the . . . the factories".

Insert:

"The correctness or otherwise of our whole Party activities—programme, Branch life, and mass work in factories, shopping centres, housing estates and elsewhere—will be reflected in electoral results".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

520

Lines 622-625. Delete sentence from "While the" to "work" on line 624 and substitute: "We must emphasise that" and then carry on as text "our electoral

advance" to "factories". After "factories" add: "as well as in local organisations".

GANTS HILL (SOUTH ESSEX)

521

Lines 622-625. Delete and insert:

"Communist Party activity and organisation in the factories are essential for the advance of the working class, the strengthening of the Labour left, and the increase of the Communist vote. Much more should be done to win our members in industry to form new factory branches, strengthen existing ones, and to give them the sustained support of our local branches. All leading committees should help to end the tendency to neglect consistent factory work".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

522

Line 624. Delete whole sentence from "Our" to "factories". Replace with:

"Our whole advance depends on gaining the trust and then leadership of the industrial workers, particularly those in heavy industry".

WIMBLEDON (SURREY)

523

Lines 624-625. Delete "our electoral advance" etc., and substitute:

"The advance and strengthening of the Party requires an extension of our work and influence in the factories and trade unions, as well as more consistent participation in elections."

NORWOOD (LONDON)

524

Line 625. Add after "factories":

"The establishment of new Party branches and groups in factories, building sites, and other places of work even if composed of two or three members".

BECONTREE (SOUTH ESSEX)

525

Line 625. After "factories" continue:

"and a large increase in organised sales of party literature both inside and outside of the party."

HEELEY, SHEFFIELD (YORKSHIRE)

526

Line 625. After "factories" insert:

"Election campaigns too often are seen as an addition to our activity rather than as a culmination of year-long all-round Party work in a locality. We need to do much more to help branches make all-round election work an integral part of all their activity."

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

AYLESBURY (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

527

Line 625. After "factories." insert:

"It must also be recognised that an attempt to carry out more electoral contests than we have the strength for can lead to other weaknesses and distortions: to neglect of the opportunities for united campaigning, to a sectarian presentation of

our policy and role, to suggestions that advance can come only through our electoral success and, since this proves hard to achieve, to consequent discouragement."

BELSIZE/SOUTHEND (LONDON)

528

Line 625. Delete full stop at end, substitute comma, and add:

"shops and offices, with priority to the organisation of new factory branches."

WOODBERRY DOWN (LONDON)

529

Line 625. After "factories" add:

"But because of the need to extend factory work, factory branches must not become inward-looking on purely Trade Union issues but make every effort to give all round political leadership."

FORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

530

Line 625. After "... and influence in the factories," add a new paragraph:

"To stimulate and help the factory comrades the Party intends to call open industrial meetings to discuss the problems in particular industries with the workers in those industries; and as a result of these meetings to publish policy pamphlets for those particular industries, and even for specific factories."

NORTH ISLINGTON (LONDON)

531

Line 626. Delete "But the main . . . new members", insert:

"While we have won some sections of the Labour movement for an understanding of and agreement with our main lines of policy this has not been accompanied by an awareness of the need to join and strengthen the Party in order to make its policies more effective. It remains a major task for us to win the conviction that without a bigger and stronger Communist Party there can be no prospect of a fundamental challenge to the present right-wing domination of the Labour Movement."

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

532

Line 626. Delete "But the main", and insert:

"A major. . ."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

533

Lines 626-631. Delete and substitute:

"But the main problem is that for many years now the Party's growth has not kept pace with the needs and possibilities of the situation. The Party leadership has not done nearly enough to secure the conviction of the membership concerning the correctness and implications of the 'British Road to Socialism'. For our policies to have the required impact outside our Party, more needs to be done to explain and emphasise our orientation towards a peaceful path to socialism and our belief that Parliament can and should play a

vital role in this. We must re-emphasise that:

(i) our Party is not waiting for another world economic crisis to bring it to power;

(ii) we stand for liberty and democracy, condemn violations of socialist democracy, and believe that socialism will add to the existing democratic rights of the British people; and irrespective of the experience and practice of other countries, we expect the building of socialism in Britain to involve more than one political party;

(iii) we are an independent British party having no interests separate from those of the working class in Great Britain; we stand for international solidarity but nonetheless recognise that disagreements between fraternal parties can occur and must be resolved through friendly discussions, without condemnations or excommunications."

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

534

Lines 626-631. Delete "But the main problem . . . new members" and substitute the following:

"It is untrue that the main problem preventing our growth is the fact that insufficient has been done to convince our members that the Party can and must be stronger. In fact this emphasis has led in some cases to a concentration on wrong campaigns and methods of work.

The Communist Party will be built decisively especially in the less traditional parts of the country to the extent that large sections of the people are brought into battle on the main issues of peace and living standards and we develop a much more powerful explanation of communist ideas and the need for the Communist Party, and at the same time, increase the circulation of the *Daily Worker*.

To these ends our immediate concentration should be directed."

COLLIERS WOOD (SURREY)

535

Lines 626-636. Delete these lines and insert:

"Since 1958 we have systematically presented our membership as the key question in the political situation. This was absolutely correct in the beginning and was mainly responsible for lifting the Party confidence and fighting spirit after the 1956-57 problems, but has now become the opposite. In practice the weight of our effort, of our cadres and leading members in the districts, has been turned towards registering present supporters, rather than increasing our contacts and making fresh supporters. In fact it has become a process

—particularly in areas where our support is weakest—for turning us inwards.

The Party should therefore in the coming period concentrate, with the same intensity previously given to membership, on campaigns aimed at building our influence, reaching new sections of the people, and assisting the growing struggle against right-wing policy.

These should include the renewed effort with the *Daily Worker*, aiming to involve every possible branch in supporting and building peace organisations—both around Vietnam and long-term—and the launching of an all-out fight against the wages policy with the aim of toppling the right-wing grip on this issue within the next few months. This will help open the way to resume the advance to the aim of 50,000 members set by our last Congress as the next stage in building a mass Party".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

536

Line 627. After "enough" insert:

"to lead through the branches and ensure strong and healthy branches with strong leaderships" and continue as text "to secure, etc."

SOUTH PADDINGTON (LONDON)

537

Lines 629-638. From "until this conviction . . ." to "bring this about".

Delete and substitute:

"Until this conviction is secured and a transformation carried through in the character of life in our branches, only a minority of members will be involved in recruiting new members and gains will be insufficiently consolidated.

Therefore this Congress wholeheartedly welcomes the Report of the Committee on Organisation and calls for its most rapid implementation as the most urgent need facing the Party. Further Congress calls on the Executive Committee and the District Committees to devote their energies to a spirited and imaginative campaign for this implementation and to find effective solutions to the central problem posed in the report, of combining public campaigning and political initiative with the building of a healthy branch life.

With success attending our efforts to apply the proposals of the Report, and in the present conditions of growing political revolt against right-wing Labour policies, it will be not only urgent but entirely realistic to resume the advance to the aim of 50,000 members set by our last Congress, as the next stage in building a mass Party".

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

538

Line 631. After "new members." insert new sentence:

"We should produce during the next year or so a publication called, for example, 'The Communist Party in the 60's' which will help to win understanding in the Party

and wider Labour Movement of the position of the Party in the British political scene today".

It should deal with such questions as:

- (a) The foundation of the Communist Party
- (b) The Role of the Communist Party
- (c) The Election of a Labour Government
- (d) The Attitude of the Communist Party to Labour
- (e) A Programme of Advance
- (f) What is a Mass Communist Party?

After line 631 add:

"The full operation of Democratic Centralism with the strengthening of the links between leading Committees and Branches and the encouragement of live political controversy is indispensable to securing this full political conviction".

LANCASHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

539

Line 631. At end of line 631 insert the following:

"The ultimate measure of our effectiveness as a political force is the number and quality of the members we have. Whilst the ability of the party to influence the 'left' in the Labour Movement is subject to many influences outside our control, our industrial and electoral work must be judged by the number of recruits we make.

The losses we have sustained since the last Congress, when high hopes were expressed of a membership increased to 50,000, reflect the failure of our party to react to the deepening crisis of capitalism, the bankruptcy of the conservative government, and the present attempt by the Labour Party to solve the problems for capitalism imposed by the decline of British imperialism, by putting the burden on to the backs of the workers. Since the question of recruitment is decisive, and the E.C. have failed to find the answer we need at this Congress to discuss the following questions:

1. Why do so many members leave the Party?
2. Why is it that the tremendous effort electorally has not produced an increase in membership?
3. Is a drastic shake up of the party machinery required to ensure that we are able to do the job that needs to be done?
4. Do we need a re-examination of the BRITISH ROAD TO SOCIALISM in the light of present world conditions, to see whether a more *revolutionary* approach might be necessary?

WEMBLEY PARK (LONDON)

540

Line 636. After "... mass Party" insert: "of workers, housewives, professional people, and retired people".

SIDCUP (KENT)

541

Line 636. After this line, insert: "Therefore Conference calls on the Executive Committee to make a call to all districts to demand immediately more independent work of the Communist Party".

WYTHENSHAW (LANCS)

542

Line 637. Delete "The proposals . . . bring this about." Insert:

"The progress of the Communist Party must be greatly accelerated. At all levels we must drop old inhibitions—the heritage of the cold-war, and a brake on our advance—and turn outward to the people as a vigorous, attractive, growing political force.

We must considerably increase the Party's income, so as to pay higher wages to our full-time workers, acquire premises in more areas, and finance more election contests.

There must be greater participation in the general cultural field and in public controversies, so as to wage the battle of ideas on all fronts.

Our work on industrial and trade union questions must be more efficient and must be conducted in a wider public manner.

Systematisation of branch organisation, so as to make routine work simpler and lighter, will release branch leaderships for more public work. Careful consideration must be given to the proposals of the Committee on Party Organisation, and we must continually examine our organisational methods, adapting quickly to changing circumstances and new demands.

We must introduce intensive cadre training, including Marxist education.

All our publications must become as well-designed, eye-catching and persuasive as are our best at present."

BECKENHAM AND PENGE (KENT)

KENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE

543

Line 637. After "organisation" delete "will help to bring this about". Insert:

"Should be referred back. The suggestions in the Report as to the formation of a few big districts and putting full-time party workers on a national pay-roll should be reconsidered."

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE (SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS)

544

Lines 637–638. Delete and substitute the following:

"This must not be achieved at the expense of the level of understanding or practical activity required of Party members."

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS (SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS)

545

Line 638. After "about" insert:

"if effectively applied at all levels in the Party."

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

546

Line 638. After "The proposals of the Committee on Party organisation will help bring this about" insert the following:

"It is vital that our Party encourages the widest possible discussion of this Report and its proposals in all branches of the Party" then continue as text: "Here the development of . . . etc."

GOVAN (SCOTLAND)

547

Line 638. After this line insert new para.: "In recent years there has been a remarkable growth of political questioning and interest among young people. Their rejection of the 'establishment' and of right-wing policies, and their search for a new alternative, sometimes misdirected into anarchism, or ultra-leftism, are all evidence of the opportunities offered to our Party to win the rising generation for scientific socialism and the building of a Socialist Britain. These opportunities must now be grasped."

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

548

Line 638. Add:

"To respond to the opportunities for growth calls for an extension of the public campaigning of Party branches combined with systematic explanation of the contribution the Communist Party makes both to the immediate advance of the people and to bringing about fundamental change."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

549

Line 638. After "about" insert:

"But we need to be far more specific, explicit and concrete on how to advance our aims. The suggestion, however permuted and varied in wording, that we can overcome our problems simply by working harder, needs to be re-examined and further thought given to the approach to the task of extending the size and influence of the Party."

STROUD GREEN (LONDON)

550

Line 638. After "... bring this about" insert:

"With this in view, a change of procedure in the choosing of officials by the Executive Committee might well be beneficial, and it is proposed that the term of office of all full-time paid officials on the Executive Committee shall be limited to six years, in any one office".

FARNBOROUGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

551

Lines 638–639. Insert lines 91–93. See Amendment No. 95.

SIDCUP (KENT)

552

Line 639. Delete "Here the development . . . ensure this." insert:

"We welcome the signs of increasing political awareness amongst young people, and believe that there is a great opportunity

for the advance of the Young Communist League. This requires the most energetic assistance of the Party at all levels, as a major responsibility, including the allocation of financial help and personnel."

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

553

Line 639. Delete from "Here" and add: "More attention must be paid by our Party to development of the Y.C.L. It is a party responsibility and a task that must not be left to the Y.C.L. alone. To the extent that we pay attention to the youth will depend the time that it takes to achieve Socialism."

LANGLEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

554

Line 640. After "importance" delete "The progress . . . to ensure this" and insert the following:

"The Party must give a positive active lead to ensure this, particularly in the field of peace activity and by a determined effort to establish youth sections in every branch."

OLD SWAN (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

555

Line 642. Add:

"Every district of the Party should release at least one comrade to work with the Y.C.L."

EASTLEIGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

556

Line 642. After "ensure this" insert:

"Party branches must take responsibility for ensuring that a Y.C.L. branch is functioning in their locality. The Y.C.L. often needs Communist Party assistance in finding suitable premises, tutors for education classes, and in other ways. Young people must be helped to find their place in the trade union movement."

BECKENHAM AND PENGE (KENT)

557

Line 642. After "ensure this" insert:

"There is as yet insufficient understanding in our ranks of the key role that women can play in the broad Labour movement and the contribution they can make to the building of the broad alliance.

We will gain their confidence to the extent that we help them to win their rights in industry and every sphere of life. The entire Labour movement and trade union movement must be won for this battle."

HAROLD HILL (SOUTH ESSEX)

558

Line 643. Let sentence read:

"The Party nationally and in every District must make a renewed effort to win university and college students and professional people."

MANCHESTER STUDENTS (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

559

Line 644. Delete "university".

LEEDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS (LONDON)

560

Line 644. Insert:

"particularly in the Technical and Teacher Training Colleges".

LEEDS UNIVERSITY (STUDENTS), YORKSHIRE

561

Line 644. Delete "university . . . people". Insert "young workers and students to the Y.C.L."

SIDCUP (KENT)

562

Lines 644-645. After "win" insert "not only". After "people" insert "but also young workers".

EASTLEIGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

563

Line 645. Add: "It must also strive to extend its work among women, both in the home and in industry and to win more of them to the Party".

WOOD GREEN (LONDON)

564

After Line 645. Add: "There is an urgent need for our Party to recognise nationally and for all comrades to recognise individually that women form a largely untapped source of activity and membership, and that more male comrades should facilitate the entry of their wives into Party activity and render in addition more support for campaigns initiated by the Women's Committee."

ALLERTON (YORKSHIRE)

565

Line 651. After "Congress" insert:

"The last three Congresses have made general calls about circulation and the fact that the Party takes the paper for granted but this has not led to a larger circulation. Congress instructs the incoming E.C. to tackle Daily Worker circulation in a more resolute way, using the possibilities in the political situation and the new developments to rouse the Party and its supporters in a public campaign for the paper to achieve a substantial circulation increase before the municipal election campaign begins."

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

566

Line 652. Delete "discussion" after the first "more" and insert:

"regular, systematic education in the principles of Marxism-Leninism, involving far more branches and members than at present".

567

Line 652. Amend to read: "Within the Communist Party and in our political life more discussion is needed on the burning questions of the advance to Socialism in Britain, the relation of the Party to the Labour Movement, the electoral strategy and the practical questions involved in these and other key matters. To this end the Executive Committee and other leading Committees of the Party should actively

strive to increase the participation of the maximum number of Party members in shaping policy. Leading comrades should present themselves before the maximum number of Party members at public meetings, reporting meetings, lectures and discussions to stimulate political discussion. More leading comrades should write on theoretical questions and on the Party's strategy and tactics in the Party Press. The Party Press should encourage more political discussions and controversy, not limited to a few letters immediately preceding Congress. The main political debates of E.C. should be summarised for members, so that the political and theoretical level of the leadership is known to the rank and file, as well as E.C. members, attitude to important matters, where there is a difference of opinion. This would be a great stimulus to informal discussion in the basic units of the Party".

BRIXTON (LONDON)

568

Line 653. Delete "not around abstract formulae . . . Britain." Insert: "not only concerning ourselves with theory, but applying it to the burning questions of the Advance to Socialism in Britain."

LEEDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

569

Line 653. Delete "not around abstract formulae, but".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

DULWICH AND NUNHEAD (LONDON)

ST. JOHN'S, SWANSEA (WALES)

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

SHIP REPAIR (LONDON)

CASTLE (SWANSEA) WALES

570

Line 653. Delete as in 562 and substitute: "relating the Marxist classics to".

571

Line 653. Delete as in 562 and substitute: "Particularly urgent is the need to stimulate the widest study and discussion of Marxism-Leninism which applied to the objective conditions provide the key to . . .".

HANTS AND DORSET DISTRICT COMMITTEE

572

Line 657. After "key matters" add:

"We must make greater efforts to involve the labour movement in these fundamental discussions."

SHIPLEY (YORKSHIRE)

573

Line 657. After "matters" add: "nor should we neglect to discuss and develop cultural questions and activities."

BROMLEY (KENT)

574

Line 657. At end of line add:

"In this connection the Party should take the lead in raising some of the more complex issues in order to clarify them. Particularly important are those concerning the positions and functions of Communist Parties

and leading comrades in countries in which basic economic and political changes leading towards Socialism have already been carried out and consolidated. We should recognise that for many on the Left, this type of issue still raises basic questions that require answers."

LEYTON (SOUTH ESSEX)

575

Line 657. After "other key matters" add "along with wider public appearance of the Party, in all possible ways, and especially in this work, using our literature and the *Daily Worker*."

NORTH-EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

576

Line 659. After "to" and before "help" add "stimulate and".

FULHAM (LONDON)

577

Line 660. After "shaping policy" add "and in campaigning for that policy."

NORTH-EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

578

Line 660. After "Force" add:

"this must mean far greater personal contact between District Committees and the branches".

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

579

Line 660. After "policy" insert:

"This must be accompanied by consistent educational work, including articles in our journals, on the nature of inner-Party democracy and the principles on which our Party rules are based, including the responsibility of all members to fight for decisions once they have been taken, as the indispensable means of making our policy effective."

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

580

After Line 660. Insert the following (based on lines 463-470):

To sum up, four things are vital: (a)

agreement on a popular political programme of the kind we have outlined accompanied by every form of united activity to bring it into being; (b) far-reaching changes of a left-progressive character in the trade union movement and the removal of bans and proscriptions; (c) the development of friendly relations between Communists and Socialists in all progressive movements; (d) the growth in the membership of the Communist Party, the Y.C.L. and the circulation of the *Daily Worker*. These are what are necessary to win a big change in Government policy and for the advance of the entire movement."

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

581

Line 661. After "opportunities" add: "eliminate all forms of sectarianism and isolation from the masses".

LEITH (SCOTLAND)

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY PARTY BRANCHES AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION "THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES"

INTRODUCTION

1 Line 5. Delete "discussed", insert "pursued".
BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)

2 Line 5. Delete "could drastically change", insert "are drastically changing".
BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)

3 Line 6. Add after "movement":
"that is, the principle of the fundamental right of every individual to social services, free of charge in every sphere".
PECKHAM (LONDON)

4 Line 8. Delete all after "challenged" and insert:
"The threat is clear. Under the new Labour Plan the social services are to be restricted and whittled down in order to solve the economic problems of British capitalism."
BALHAM (LONDON)

5 Line 10. Delete "mass of the people", insert "community as a whole".
BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)

6 Line 14. Delete "Progress . . . years", insert:
"Over the years important advances have been won in struggle by the Labour Movement."
BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)

7 Line 14. Delete "the years", insert "many years of struggle".
EAST LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

8 Line 17. Instead of "growth of council housing" insert:
"The significant growth in the local authority share of housing and general redevelopment."
TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)

9 Line 21. After "profit-making system", insert "and its consequences in enormous expenditure on arms and military operations abroad".
LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

10 Line 25. Delete "in poverty" and substitute "in great hardship".
BRISLINGTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

11 Line 26. Insert "sub standard" between "in" and "buildings".
SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

12 Lines 26-27. Delete "which are a relic of the Victorian age".
SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

13 Line 27. Insert:
"Lack of facilities for youth leisure-time is encouraging juvenile delinquency."
BALHAM (LONDON)

14 Line 27. After "Victorian age" add:
"with the certainty that the present continuing increase in the birthrate will produce a hitherto unparalleled crisis in education and all other social services, as well as intensifying the present over crowding".
EASTLEIGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

15 Line 31. After "cities":
"The total absence of national economic planning has brought about major population drifts from significant areas of the North to the South of England, with the consequent depression of living standards on the one hand, and inevitable over-crowding and its attendant social evils on the other".
EASTLEIGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

16 Line 33. After "community":
"Immediate measures must be forced upon the Government to make the depressed areas more attractive in terms of jobs, social services, town planning and redevelopment".
EASTLEIGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

17 Line 37. Delete "ordinary".
BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)

I. CAPITALIST STRATEGY FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICES

18 Line 40. Suggested sub-headings as under, Section IV.
BARNET (LONDON)

19 Lines 41-50. Delete "The Tories claim . . . forced to", insert:
"The determination of the British ruling class to cling to imperialist policies has led to restrictions on the development of the social services which now lag far behind those in other West European countries, particularly as regards family allowances,

sickness benefits and the provision of adequate pensions for old people".
GREENWICH (LONDON)

20 Line 43. Delete after "The". Insert:
"Tory and right-wing Labour leaders long ago . . ."
LEIGH PARK (HANTS AND DORSET)

21 Line 43. After "that" (4th word) insert "although sections of".
MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

22 Lines 47-50. Delete "the social services . . . forced to", insert:
"local authorities have become established as a machinery geared to the needs of monopoly capitalism. They are an important sector of the economy with an annual capital investment of about £900 million, or a third of the whole private sector. The wide powers given them by Parliament and found necessary in the last analysis to keep capitalist society going, affect the lives of everyone and control many of the activities of private enterprise itself. But they have also become a battleground, with the Labour movement as the spearhead of advance for measures in the interests of the people, and the capitalist class conceding grudgingly what it is forced to".
NORTH LEWISHAM (LONDON)

23 Line 49. Delete after "the" and insert:
"Tories and right-wing Labour leaders conceding . . ." &c.
LEIGH PARK (HANTS AND DORSET)

24 Line 50. Insert after "forced to":
"Mention must be made of the voluntary agencies who often undertake highly competent work in important sectors of the Social Services. Their very existence points to the inadequacies in the statutory provision and represents a hidden subsidy to public expenditure which is largely borne by ordinary people."
HOUNSLOW (WEST MIDDLESEX)

25 Lines 53, 54, 55, 56. Delete two sentences beginning with "Some" and ending with "spokesmen".
SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

26 Line 55. "by both Tory and right-wing Labour spokesmen".
LEIGH PARK (HANTS AND DORSET)

- 27 Line 58. Omit words "right-wing".
WIMBLEDON (SURREY)
- 28 Line 71. Insert under this section the sub-heading "Public Transport" and continue:
"The policy of raising fares and cutting railway and bus services has inevitably driven more and more people and freight on to the roads which have become increasingly clogged with heavy traffic with the consequent lowering of living standards and greater danger to life and limb.
The excuse usually given for this policy is that extra revenue is needed to pay for higher costs, and that therefore the fares must be raised and the services cut in order to 'make transport pay'. Apart from the folly of trying to 'make transport pay', the policy leads to a self-defeating vicious circle. The higher the fares, the fewer the passengers. The fewer the passengers, the less revenue taken and the less the existing transport is used. This, in turn, leads to cuts in staff and services.
The end result of this policy can only be an absolute minimum of public transport at high fares, a chaotic road system, and total transport anarchy. The only beneficiaries of this crazy policy are the car companies and the oil monopolies.
Furthermore, the railways are still paying the pre-nationalisation shareholders large sums in compensation, and the public transport has to pay fuel tax to the Government.
Thus, the entire transport policy is designed, not to serve the people's needs as a social service, but as a means by which the public's money is funnelled into the pockets of the ex-shareholders and the oil and car companies".
BARNET (LONDON)
- 29 Line 89. Delete "monstrous" and insert "vast numbers of".
TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)
- 30 Line 91. Add "such as homes, schools and hospitals".
TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)
- 31 Line 91. Insert new sentence:
"Furthermore local authorities are encouraged to enter into 'partnerships' with private developers whereby the councils use their powers of compulsory purchase while the private developer reaps the profits".
NORTH LEWISHAM (LONDON)
- 32 Line 91. After "social needs", insert:
"Local authorities are now being officially encouraged to enter development 'partnerships' with private enterprise, the councils using their powers of compulsory purchase in favour of schemes from which private enterprise reaps high profits".
LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 33 Lines 98-99. Delete lines 98-99 "differential rent . . . council tenants", insert:
"differential rents are not introduced to help tenants but to enable a greater total of rent to be secured from working people".
PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS (LONDON)
- 34 Line 107. After "cent" add:
"we say that local authorities should be financed by an income tax, replacing the present rating system".
HEELEY, SHEFFIELD (YORKSHIRE)
- 35 Line 113. Delete "The benefits . . . of their own resources", insert:
"Benefits have been kept low because the Tories have restricted the resources available".
BRIGHTON (SUSSEX)
- 36 Line 116. Delete "every sort of incentive", insert "incentives".
DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)
- 37 Lines 142-144. Delete "It is on . . . of the rich".
DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)
- 38 Line 160. Insert "British and Foreign" between "while" and "drug".
SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)
- 39 Line 168. After "have been built" insert:
", and because of the centralisation of 'accident hospitals', many casualty departments in local hospitals have been closed, thereby causing unnecessary hardship and suffering".
BROADSTAIRS (KENT)
- 40 Line 171. Delete and insert:
"The system of fee paying, with fee patients getting priority has spread, and is further undermining the health service".
WEST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 41 Line 178. After "N.H.S." add:
"Owing to inadequate expenditure on training of doctors and shortage of nurses due to low pay and bad conditions, our hospitals rely largely on staff from the Commonwealth. In the event of any large scale return to their own homelands by these doctors and nurses it would be impossible for our hospitals to carry on. Despite this a colour bar operates and doctors from the commonwealth, however well qualified, are prevented from obtaining the highest positions".
WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 42 Line 186. Add "It should also be remembered that free school meals were originally to be a part of the family allowance".
MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)
- 43 Line 194. Insert after "plus" "and other methods of selection in primary schools".
SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 44 Line 196. Insert "the recommendations of the Robbins and Newsome reports still await proper attention and implementation" between "education" and "All".
SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)
- 45 Line 202. Insert after "increased" and before "and" "opportunities for girls and women extended".
PECKHAM (LONDON)
- 46 Line 240. Delete from "Neither" to "years" on line 242, insert:
"Under both Conservative and Labour Governments the country has borne an enormous arms burden for years which has been . . ."
MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)
- 47 Line 243. Delete "even".
MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)
MIDDLETON (LANCS)
- 48 Line 245. After "social purposes" insert:
"relieving purchase tax and paying out Post War Credits".
HAYES NORTH (WEST MIDDX)
- 49 Line 251. Insert after dash "as envisaged and fought for by the Labour pioneers".
SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 50 Line 258. Delete "There can be no such thing", substitute "This is a rare occurrence".
GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 51 Line 259. Insert the word "speculative" before "landlord".
GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 52 Line 262. Insert new sentence after "system":
"The inadequacy of the provision of local authority built homes for rent has forced many workers to buy houses at exorbitant prices, and to let some of their rooms to help pay mortgages; in these cases the profiteers are not the owner-occupier landlords but the building societies and finance companies".
GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 53 Line 265. Add:
"The proposed system of area decontrolling of rents offers a dangerous weapon to any future Tory Government for use against the working class".
WEST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

54

Line 273. After word "planning;" insert:
"the full utilisation of Urban land;"
continuing "re-development in accordance"
etc.

HYDE (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

55

Line 274. Delete from "Today" to the
end of the paragraph and insert:

"Today Labour's land proposals are a
retreat even from the pre-election promise
to take land to be developed into public
ownership.

Instead the bulk of the land is to remain
in private hands; private buying and selling
of land is to continue unhindered, and
though some of the profit made in these
transactions is to be taxed, the proposed
legislation will do nothing to stop land
prices continuing to rise, involving ever
greater burdens on the people".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

56

Line 275. Insert after "problems":

"All land acquired by previous Acts of
Parliament now owned by various Govern-
ment Departments and Local Authorities
should not be sold in the open market to
speculative builders. Where such land is
required by different Local Authorities and
Government Departments it should be
transferred by agreement of the Land
Commission at only transfer costs.

Where land owned by the Land Commis-
sion and Local Authorities is designated as
ripe for development, it should be de-
veloped by Local Authorities for council
dwellings on the low land cost basis".

CHELMSFORD (EAST ANGLIA)

57

Line 277. After "the opportunity arises."
insert new sentence:

"Steps should be taken to ensure that
adequate supplies of land become available
to the community, and that the powers
suggested by the White Paper are put into
effect."

BOLTON (LANCS)

58

Lines 282-283. Delete from "The Gov-
ernment" to "building".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

59

Line 284. Delete "But". After "no",
insert "large-scale".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

60

Line 284. Delete "there... development",
insert:

"the efforts of Councils must be con-
tinually thwarted".

NORTH LEWISHAM (LONDON)

61

Line 284. Delete "There can be no
council house development", insert:

"The efforts of the councils will never
meet the needs of the people".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

62

Line 284. Delete "But there can be no
council house development", replace with:
"But council house development will be
seriously retarded".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

63

Line 285. Delete "forced local authorities
to pay" and insert "which has extracted
from local authorities".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

64

Line 286. After "loans" insert "and hav-
ing to borrow money over a period of 60
years".

MIDDLETON (LANCS)

65

Line 292. Delete "enormous new re-
sources are allocated to" and insert "the
necessary money and materials are made
available for".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

66

Line 294. After "the" and before
"Tory" insert "limited".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

67

Line 308. After "fulfilment" alter stop to
comma and add:

"creating a situation in which some local
authorities are able to perpetuate segrega-
tion under the guise of comprehensive
reorganisation."

ABERDEEN CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)

68

Line 308. After "fulfilment" add:
"even going back on its own declared
policy by halting those authorities who
wish to go ahead with their comprehensive
school programmes, e.g. Liverpool and
Luton."

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

69

Lines 308-309. Delete "a proper com-
prehensive system" and replace with "true
equality of opportunity for all children".

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

70

Line 313. Delete "to facilitate the return
of married teachers to work", insert:

"where such provision facilitates the
return of married teachers to work, even
this small concession has not been taken
advantage of by many local authorities
and".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

71

Line 319. Delete "The extension of
University status to technical colleges too
limited".

LEEDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

72

Line 322. After "proposed", add new
sentence as follows:

"More recently the apparent intention is
to cut from 1967 the speed of university

building to a fraction of the present rate.
This will severely damage the universities'
capabilities for continued expansion in the
next decade".

HEADINGLEY (YORKSHIRE)

73

Line 325. Add:

"At a time when an ever increasing
number of trained workers is required for
the necessary technical, economic and
industrial expansion, which is a necessary
part of our country's development and
advance of living standards".

EAST HAM NORTH (LONDON)

74

Line 325. Insert new paragraph:

"The expansion programmes of the in-
stitutes of higher education are being
undermined by the cut-back of government
grants for building. There is a grave danger
that expansion may result in a worsening
of conditions for both staffs and students,
and lead towards a reduction of standards
that could only please the most reactionary
circles in the educational Establishment".

LEEDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

75

Line 328. After "deplore" insert:

"the recent increase in the N.H.S. weekly
contributions and".

HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

III. THE SOCIALIST ANSWER

76

Line 380. After "Would", insert "begin
to".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

77

Line 382. Delete "or purchase prices".

WOKING (SURREY)

TOOTING AND FURZE DOWN (LONDON)

78

Line 384. After "land speculator", in-
sert:

"whereby council tenants and others are
often paying 25% or more from a working
man's wage in rent and rates".

BURNLEY AND NELSON (LANCS)

79

Line 391. After "life" insert:

"and local councils would be enabled to
come into their own as real centres of local
democratic activity."

NORTH LEWISHAM (LONDON)

80

Line 393. Delete stop after "all" and
insert:

"as working hours are reduced."

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

81

Line 395. Omit word "substantial".

WIMBLEDON (SURREY)

82

Line 400. After "enrich life" add:

"This fight also serves to strengthen the
fight for socialism, by increasing the social-
ist forces, strengthening their morale and

understanding and sharpening the conditions of struggle against the ruling class."
EAST ISLINGTON (LONDON)

IV. A PROGRAMME FOR SOCIAL ADVANCE

83

Line 422. Delete "reactionary class theories discredited".

TURNPIKE, S. HORNSEY (LONDON)

84

Line 422. After "theories discredited", insert:

"local councils be brought into public activity".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

85

Line 430.

"The system of education of all children should be state provided, secular, and free of all religious or racial bias".

LANCASTER (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

86

Line 430. After the sentence ending "... young people" change full stop to comma and add:

"... to prepare them for a full cultural and civic life as well as for work".

YORKSHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

87

Line 433. Delete from "create classes" to end of sentence, insert:

"reduce the size of classes in primary and secondary schools to not more than thirty pupils".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

88

Line 434.

"The proposed expenditure of £224 mn. in Labour's National Plan contrasts dismally with the figure of £1,300 mn. which the previous Report on Education stated as being necessary."

BALHAM (LONDON)

89

Line 434. Ending "of not more than thirty pupils" add:

"More attention must be given to primary education and the standards raised by the introduction of more scientific teaching methods."

NORLAND (LONDON)

90

Line 435. Insert:

"this training should take into account education for the future; education for service to the community in the new technologically advanced age ahead of us and education for the cultural needs of the increased leisure of that age".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

91

Lines 435-438. Delete up to "speeded up; and", insert:

"We stand for the abolition of selection and the establishment of a fully comprehensive system of secondary education, including the integration of all grammar

schools; the raising of the minimum leaving age to sixteen; and improved maintenance allowances. Local plans for comprehensive education must be speedily produced, and the necessary additional school building agreed to by the Government so that the plans can be implemented. The"

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

92

Line 441. Delete full stop, insert semi-colon and add:

"grammar schools should be incorporated into the comprehensive system."

EAST ISLINGTON (LONDON)

93

Line 441. Delete "better", insert "fairer".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

94

Line 442. Delete "whose parents desire it".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

95

Line 442. Delete "Nursery . . . delay;", insert:

"Work should be begun, without delay, to provide Nursery schools for all children whose parents desire it."

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

96

Line 446. Delete full stop after "opposed", insert semi-colon and add:

"facilities must be provided so that immigrant children can be taught English speedily, so that they can be integrated with the rest of the school as soon after their entry as possible."

EAST ISLINGTON (LONDON)

97

Line 446. After "... strongly opposed", insert:

"Improved maintenance allowances must be provided to enable working class parents to keep their children at school beyond the statutory school-leaving age".

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS (LONDON)

98

Line 446. After "opposed", add:

"The content of our education should be of a more progressive character particularly in relation to working class and labour movement history".

SPRINGBURN (SCOTLAND)

99

Line 446. Delete sentence beginning "Compulsory . . .", add a new paragraph:

"Part time education by day release should be encouraged for all, and made compulsory for those employees under 18. This will require an increase in the number and size of Technical Colleges as will the welcome trend towards full time training of school leavers at College during their first year or two in industry".

WEST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

100

Line 446. After "opposed" insert:

"Where education authorities have introduced or attempted to introduce a quota

system in schools, as advised by the recent Ministry of Education circular, this must be rejected in any form and exposed as an unjustified and dangerous concession to race prejudice".

ST. CHARLES, KENSINGTON (LONDON)

101

Line 446. After the word "opposed", insert:

"and extra teachers to be provided for children with language difficulties".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

102

Line 447. After "opposed" insert:

"schools with a high percentage of immigrant children should be given every possible assistance to overcome language difficulties to enable them to become fully integrated".

DULWICH, NUNHEAD (LONDON)

103

Line 446. After "compulsory" delete the word "day".

READING (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

104

Lines 446-448. Delete from "compulsory" to "operated" and insert:

"Provision for further education should be substantially increased. Compulsory day release of school leavers and others by employers for part time education should be operated. The provision made should relate to all employees as well as school leavers, covering general education and not just vocational training".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

105

Line 448. Add:

"and the planned extension of the Industrial Training Boards to cover 100% of industries by 1967 should be adhered to, so that all young people are brought into regular training schemes with appropriate release for further education".

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

106

Line 448. After sentence ending "... should be operated" change full stop to comma and add:

"... with the right to continue release to the end of the student's course".

YORKSHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

READING (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

BECKENHAM, PENGE (KENT)

MORTLAKE AND RICHMOND (SURREY)

EAST LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

107

Line 448. Delete "18", insert "21".

HOUNSLOW (WEST MIDDLESEX)

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (S. ESSEX)

HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

KENTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

108

Line 448. Add:

"There should also be intensification of the existing development towards full-

time and sandwich courses, further education and vocational training."

MORTLAKE AND RICHMOND (SURREY)

109

Line 450. Delete "and standards of entry".

MORTLAKE AND RICHMOND (SURREY)

110

Line 451. After "1970s" add:

"with an extension of facilities for mature students, especially women, to enable them to qualify for posts in industry and social services".

EAST HAM NORTH (LONDON)

111

Line 453. Delete "More . . . institutions", insert:

"Governing bodies in the various institutions should be made more representative by the addition of members of the labour movement and of students".

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS (LONDON)

112

Line 454. After "institutions" change full stop to comma and add:

"which would eliminate the existing misuse of public funds".

BRISTOL NORTH EAST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

113

Line 455. After "round" add "means test abolished".

SUNDERLAND (NORTH EAST)

HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

TEMPLE FORTUNE (LONDON)

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

114

Line 455. Delete sentence "Grants . . . institutions", insert new paragraph:

"We recognise that higher education should be available as of right and not of privilege. Therefore each student should receive an income designed to remove any economic pressure on him to abandon full-time study and take paid employment. All students accepted by the academic authorities should receive a grant, that grant being the same for all institutes of higher education, and sufficient to maintain the student throughout the year. The means test on grants should be abolished and students should be credited with National Insurance Contributions. Post-graduate students should receive an income comparable with the wages of a graduate entering industry".

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS (LONDON)

115

Line 456. Delete "in all higher educational institutions", insert:

"to all students above the statutory school leaving age".

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

116

Line 456. After "... institutions", insert: "and more money to be spent on Educational research."

STOCKBRIDGE (SCOTLAND)

117

Line 457. After "institutions", insert new sentence:

"Grants should be paid to students between the ages of 16 and 18, preparing for entrance to higher educational institutes. Students should be automatically credited with National Insurance stamps for the duration of their studies."

HAYES NORTH (WEST MIDDLESEX)

118

Line 457. Delete "status".

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

119

Line 460. After "Exchequer" insert comma then:

"ensuring at all times it is put to the maximum educational use".

WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS AND DORSET)

120

Line 461. Insert after "achieved":

"A more serious approach to technical education is required. Employers must be compelled by law to release apprentices, trainees etc. for full time or part time technical training. Industrial training must be a part of every technical course. All staff in technical colleges and institutes must be given teacher training".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

121

After line 461 add:

"We note with concern the plight of today's young workers, big changes need to be made in training youth to be skilled tradesmen.

Government legislation should make it compulsory for all employers to train their full quota of apprentices, and that training schemes should be comprehensive, fulfilling both the practical and theoretical requisites of the trade in question. Day release for study at colleges of further education throughout the duration of training is essential and should be compulsory.

Government grants should be made available to young workers for the purchase of all necessary tools, instruments, protective clothing and books that may be required during training.

In particular it is essential that all young workers should have a 35 hour working week and four weeks paid holiday per year. Apprentices and junior workers wages must rise considerably above existing levels, so that they are not dependent upon their parents during the period of training.

Today's situation where thousands of young workers are used as a cheap expendable labour force for industry is intolerable. Though their work may differ from that of a full time student, they need and must have conditions of life, work and study that are compatible to those who work by brain alone."

DAILY WORKER PRODUCTION (LONDON)

122

Line 462. At the end of section on Education, add:

"consultative bodies should be established in all schools, representative of local Education Authority, staff, senior pupils, parents, trade unions and industry.

Facilities and provisions should be made available for those in the older age groups to take Courses leading to professional status, and removal of present maximum age restrictions".

EAST LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

123

Line 462. Add new paragraph:

"Needed is a strengthened and developed Youth Employment Service with the compulsory registration by employers of all vacancies for jobs of all young people under 18 years. Side by side with the consequential slashing of 'cheap labour and blind alley' occupations must come extended modern training facilities in all large industries to meet the attainments, abilities and aptitudes of young people."

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

124

Line 461 (after). Insert:

"Women must have equal opportunities in all fields. All places of higher education must be equally open to women with equal opportunities for apprenticeships in all industries.

Equality before the law, right to own earnings, to enter into any legal agreements and equal rights to children must be guaranteed. Nursery accommodation and play centres must be provided as a right".

SHIRLEY (HANTS AND DORSET)

125

Line 462. Delete "should" and "must", re-writing the sentence as follows:

"All social benefits must be sufficient to live on in comfort and independence and paid as of right without any form of means test".

NEWINGTON, SOUTHWARK (LONDON)

126

Line 464. After "test" delete full stop, then insert:

"with strict observance of Socialist principles".

WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS AND DORSET)

127

Line 464. After "test" delete full stop, then insert:

", and the three-day waiting period abolished".

BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)
TWICKENHAM (SURREY)

128

Line 466. After "The pension" add comma and insert:

"which should be non-contributory and".

FILTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)
BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

129

Line 466. After "The pension" add comma and insert:

"which should be paid at 60 to both men and women, and".

NORWICH (EAST ANGLIA)

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

WOODSIDE (SURREY)

130

Line 466. After "The pension" add comma and insert:

"which should be paid to women at 55 and to men at 60, and".

HANDSWORTH AND LOZELLS (MIDLANDS)

131

Line 467. Delete £5 and £9, replace by:
"60% of average national male adult earnings (with a suitable increment for a couple)".

JERSEY (CHANNEL ISLANDS)

132

Line 467. Delete £5 and £9, replace by:
"50% of average national earnings with 80% for a couple".

CHESTER (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

133

Line 467. Delete "pension" to end of the sentence, substitute:

"proportion of average male adult earnings as pension of right at two-fifths for a single person and five-sevenths for a married couple. We call for the nationalisation of all privately-run pensions schemes and an immediate increase in the proportion of National Insurance Fund contributions made by the Exchequer as the foundation for a non-contributory National Insurance system".

MARYLEBONE (LONDON)

134

Line 466. Rewrite the sentence commencing "The pension for" as follows:

"The basic retirement benefit must be raised immediately to £5 (£9 for a couple) and maintained at this level of purchasing power at least. Within two years it must be replaced by an old age pension of 50% of average national male adult earnings, paid to all men of 65 years and more (women of 60 years and more), regardless of their previous National Insurance or National Superannuation contributions and regardless of whether they remain at work or not. The earnings rule for pensioners should be entirely abolished".

NEWINGTON, SOUTHWARK (LONDON)

135

Line 466. Delete sentence beginning "The pension" and insert:

"A comprehensive old age pension scheme should be introduced, based on 75% of average earnings (to be adjusted in accordance with changes in the cost of living.)"

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS (LONDON)

136

Line 466. Delete "The pension . . . a couple", insert:

"Pensions, National Insurance and Unemployment benefit should be raised immediately to £5 for a single person and £9 for a couple".

BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)

137

Line 467. Delete £5 and £9, replace by £7 and £12.

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

138

Line 467. Delete £5 and £9, replace by £8 and £12.

CANTERBURY (KENT)

139

Line 467. Delete £5 and £9, replace by £5 per person.

LEITH (SCOTLAND)

140

Line 467. Delete £5 and £9, replace by £6 and £10.

NORTH DAGENHAM (SOUTH ESSEX)

BROWNING (LONDON)

EAST LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

141

Line 467. Delete £5 and £9, replace by £10 for couple.

BECKENHAM AND PENGES (KENT)

142

Line 468. After "couple" insert:
"as a minimum but monthly adjustments to changes in the cost of living should also operate".

SHIPLEY (YORKSHIRE)

143

Line 468. After "couple" insert:
"War Pensions should be raised to a level average to a normal working person."

GRAFTON AND GOSPEL OAK (LONDON)

144

Line 468. Add after "couple":
"This to be basic subsistence with present additional allowances to continue".

SHIP REPAIR (LONDON)

145

Line 468. Delete all between "couple" and "Those", insert:

"Steps should be taken in the near future making provision for pensions to be paid on the basis of up to 80% of earnings in last working year before retirement".

LEICESTER EAST (EAST MIDLANDS)

146

Line 468. After "couple" delete stop and continue:

"the money to be got by increasing taxation of the rich and halving the arms bill."

BROWNING (LONDON)

147

Line 469. Delete "a much higher proportion", substitute "at least 50%".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

148

Line 469. After "right" add:
"(at age 60 for workers in heavy and dangerous industry.)"

RHYL (WALES)

149

Lines 470-474. Delete "Those in receipt . . . raised to 15/-," add:

"Those in receipt of sickness or unemployment benefit should receive £5 for single persons and £9 for a couple, with some increases in addition for other dependents.

Family allowances should be extended to cover the first child at the rate of 20/- with an additional 15/- for each subsequent child up to five children."

BRIGHTON (SUSSEX)

150

Line 471. After "receive" insert "a substantial increase and".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

151

Line 474. After ". . . 15s." insert new sentence:

"The unemployment and sickness benefits for married women to be the same as that paid to single women if they pay the same National Insurance contributions".

HAYES NORTH (WEST MIDDLESEX)

152

Line 474. After ". . . 15s." insert:
"Allowances should be paid to all unsupported mothers, whether divorced, unmarried or widowed, and the responsibility for recovering contributions from the fathers should be borne by the State".

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS (LONDON)

153

Line 474. After "raised to 15/-" another sentence should be inserted reading:

"The flat rate contribution should be replaced by a pro rata contribution from incomes".

RAMSGATE (KENT)

154

Line 478. Insert new sentence:
"More jobs should be made available for those who are partially disabled."

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

155

Line 478. After "abolished" delete full stop, then add comma and "Old Age Pensioners exempted from income tax".

WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS AND DORSET)

156

Line 478. After "abolished" insert:
"also the 'wage stop' rule for National Assistance benefit."

BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)

157

Line 479. Add new sentence:
"Employers should be legally compelled to provide sufficient funds to meet the wages, holiday payments and accrued pension emoluments of all their employees."

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

158

Line 479. After "abolished" insert:
"We further call for the immediate

establishment of free travel for old age pensioners."

GRAFTON AND GOSPEL OAK (LONDON)

159

Line 479 (after). Insert:

"Any working person who is involved in a lockout through industrial dispute or any other reason that legislation be brought in to the effect that the employer is responsible for this situation and pays the employed person or persons their full pay for the duration of the lockout".

BEXLEY (KENT)

160

Line 480. Delete "in five years", insert "speedily and then to", delete "within ten years".

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

161

Line 480. Add after "years" the words "as a first step".

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

162

Line 480. After "years" insert:

"Council tenants alone should not be expected to subsidise the clearing of slums and new developments in the towns through rent increases".

MIDDLETON (LANCS)

163

Line 480. Substitute to read:

"We aim to clear the slums as soon as possible, and provide every family with a separate dwelling within 10 years".

TURNPIKE, SOUTH HORNSEY (LONDON)

164

Line 480. Delete lines 480-484 and insert:

"We stand for raising the rate of house building to 500,000 houses a year, of which four fifths should be built by local authorities. Only by building on this scale will it be possible to solve the housing problem in ten years, including slum clearance, providing for the increasing population and the growing number of separate households."

DULWICH AND NUNHEAD (LONDON)

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

165

Lines 480-497. Delete whole section, insert:

"We stand for raising the rate of house-building to 500,000 a year of which 400,000 should be by local authorities and public bodies. Only by building on this scale will it be possible to break the back of the housing problem, clear the slums and provide for the increasing population and the growing number of separate households."

This will mean very great efforts by the Councils, carrying through large scale developments, displacing people for rebuilding and strictly controlling piecemeal private building. Within the cities new communities must be built instead of the

present small scale housing schemes. New Towns must be built properly sited and suitable existing towns expanded. The most modern form of industrialised building must be used to the full and carried out by up to date local authority construction departments to challenge the private builder. To make this programme possible subsidies must be increased, capital made available to the Councils and the rate of interest reduced to 2 per cent.

The only real solution to the housing problem is to take the profit out of it. We resist any rent increases under the new Rent Bill and a crucial step is the municipalisation of all privately rented dwellings at a compensation based on rents of not more than the rateable value, to enable the older houses to be improved and a planned programme to operate for their replacement in rebuilding schemes. All owner occupiers should be enabled to obtain low interest mortgages and leaseholders allowed to purchase their freeholds at no more than twenty five times the annual ground rent."

NORTH LEWISHAM (LONDON)

166

Line 480. Delete "in five years".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

167

Line 481. Delete "within ten years" and insert "as quickly as possible".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

168

Line 481. After "To" add "help".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

169

Line 482. Insert "minimum" of half a million houses.

KIRKBY (LANCS)

170

Line 482. Delete "half a million", substitute "at least 600,000".

LEATHERHEAD (SURREY)

171

Line 482. Delete "half a million houses" and substitute "800,000 units". After "a year" add "immediately".

RAMSGATE (KENT)

172

Line 482. Delete "half a million", substitute "700,000".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

173

Line 482. After "building" insert:
"industry must be nationalised and the building".

ABERDEEN CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)

BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)

BROWNING (LONDON)

CANTERBURY (KENT)

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

EAST HAM NORTH (LONDON)

HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

174

Line 482. Replace "houses" by "home units".

CANTERBURY (KENT)

175

Line 483. Delete "of which four-fifths should be".

WOKING (SURREY)

NORTH MITCHAM (SURREY)

176

Line 483. Delete as above, substitute "all of which".

TUFNELL (LONDON)

177

Lines 483-487. Delete all after "authorities" up to "Housing", insert:

"The Building Industry must be re-organised in large regional groupings, controlled by Local Authorities, and capable of making use of the most modern techniques of production. With the advent of new building materials and construction methods, provision must be made for building workers to be retrained where necessary, without loss of earnings. Steps must also be taken to cut out loss of time through bad weather conditions. The manufacture of all basic materials for the building industry should be brought under the control of the state by Socialist Nationalisation".

LEICESTER EAST (EAST MIDLANDS)

178

Line 483. Delete full stop after "Authorities" and continue the sentence as follows:

"and the ownership of urban land, the building materials and contracting industries must be taken into public ownership."

NEWINGTON AND SOUTHWARK (LONDON)

179

Line 486. After "hotels and offices." insert:

"All unused property should be requisitioned for urgent housing purposes."

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS (LONDON)

180

Line 486. Between "offices" and "Higher" insert:

"All local authorities should be encouraged to set up their own direct labour force".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

181

Line 486. After "offices", insert:

"The building and building materials industries must be nationalised, Council direct labour departments greatly expanded with smaller and medium sized councils encouraged to combine to acquire modern plant and work with the nationalised sector of the industry".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

182

Line 486. After "offices" insert:

"The resources of the armaments industry should be switched to producing industrialised housing units".

LEATHERHEAD (SURREY)

183

Line 486. After "offices" add:

"by planning and control of labour and

price control of building materials".

MANCHESTER INDUSTRIAL BRANCHES
(LANCS)

184

Line 487. Insert after "new building" a new sentence:

"More effective and rigid control of building costs and materials must be exercised".

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

185

Line 487. Delete after "building", to "While" on line 490, substitute:

"Housing loans of no more than 2% to local authorities would make for low council rents. Where this measure still leaves rents at too high a figure subsidies from the exchequer should be paid and if necessary on an increased scale".

PLESSEY (SOUTH ESSEX)

186

Line 487. After "with all new building." add:

"Far too many homes are cold, draughty and damp which, with cheaper and more efficient methods of heating, could be avoided. Adequately heated homes, besides adding to the comfort of everyday living, is an important factor towards the good health of the nation. The wide scale introduction of community heating would be a step towards realising this objective, since the cost per thermal unit would be considerably lower than that for an individual heating unit in each home. In addition it would be safer, more convenient and contribute substantially towards the elimination of smoke and dirt in our cities."

New Paragraph to begin "Housing loans to local authorities . . ."

SOUTH BATTERSEA (LONDON)

187

Line 487. After "amenity" add "and architecture".

MANCHESTER INDUSTRIAL BRANCH
(LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

188

Line 488. After "authorities" insert "at interest rates".

DARNALL (YORKSHIRE)

189

Line 489. Delete "subsidies should be increased", insert:

"adequate funds should be made available".

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

190

Line 489. After "possible" insert:

"and also provide for the rapid extension of municipal loans at low rates of interest for private house purchase".

DARTFORD (KENT)

191

Line 490. After "increased" add:

"and the necessary legislation introduced

for a substantial reduction in interest on the existing loans".

WEST OF ENGLAND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS AND
DORSET)

192

Line 490. Delete "While we resist any rent increases to private landlords under the new Rent Bill". Substitute:

"While we welcome the extension of security of tenure, which should include all council and private tenants, we strongly oppose the failure of the new Rent Bill to fix a level of rent control. We call on all tenants and progressive organisations to oppose rent increases and the threat of decontrol implicit in the illusion of 'fair rents'. At the same time . . ."

MARYLEBONE (LONDON)

193

Line 490. Delete "While we resist . . . we stress that", and substitute:

"The 1957 Rent Act must be immediately repealed, since".

RAMSGATE (KENT)

194

Lines 490-494. Delete from "increased" to "property", and insert:

"We oppose any rent increases to private landlords under the new Rent Bill and stand for maximum rents to be no higher than current rateable value while stressing that the only real solution to the housing problem is to take the profit out of it; for this, a crucial step is the municipalisation of all privately rented property. Rent increases for council tenants—produce of the exorbitant land and loan costs—must be ended, means test methods of fixing council rents withdrawn and council tenants given full security of tenure".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

195

Line 491. After "Rent Bill" add:

"and also oppose rent increases now proposed by local authorities".

KENTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

196

Line 491. After "Rent Bill", insert the following:

"we consider this should also apply to Council tenants".

CHELSEA (LONDON)

197

Line 492. After "it" insert:

"in Socialist countries where this prevails, steady progress toward rent-free housing is being made".

WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS
AND DORSET)

198

Line 493. Delete "for this, a crucial step" and insert "a crucial first step".

WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS
AND DORSET)

199

Line 493. Delete "a crucial step", insert "crucial steps are"

BELLSHILL (SCOTLAND)

200

Line 494. Delete after "property" to "and" on line 495, substitute:

"A special board should be set up to lend money for house purchase at low rates of interest."

Owner occupiers should be allowed to borrow from this board to redeem their existing mortgages if they are at higher rates of interest".

PLESSEY (SOUTH ESSEX)

201

Line 494. Insert after "rented Property": "other than that where the owner resides on the premises".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

202

Line 494. After "property." insert new sentence:

"Private landlordism must be abolished and all tenants be granted Council tenure at rent equal to the rateable value of the property."

BROWNING (LONDON)

203

Line 494. After "property." insert new sentence:

"Meanwhile, all possible steps should be taken to make eviction illegal."

HAYES SOUTH (WEST MIDDLESEX)

204

Line 494. Between "property" and "All . . ." insert:

"This includes the abolition of the tied cottage system".

CANTERBURY (KENT)

205

Line 495. Insert "100%" between "interest" and "mortgage".

GUILDFORD (SURREY)

206

Line 496. Delete "at no more than 25 times the annual ground rent." Insert:

"at no more than 12 times the annual ground rent, which is the current market value."

BOLTON (LANCS)

207

Line 497. Insert after "rent" a new sentence:

"Feu duties in Scotland should be abolished".

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
STOCKBRIDGE (SCOTLAND)

208

Line 497. After "ground rent" add new sentence:

"The category of freehold and free should be abolished".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

209

Line 498. Before "Planning" add "Town".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

210
Line 499. Delete all to "wrong way" (line 500) and insert:

"There is great need for the replanning and substantial renewal of our existing towns".

TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)

211
Lines 499-500. Delete "reshape", add "replanned".

VICTORIA, HACKNEY (LONDON)

212
Line 499. Delete "need to be re-shaped poorly. At present they".

HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

213
Lines 499-503. Delete "Our towns . . . of the community", insert:

"Our towns need to be planned in accordance with the people's needs but this cannot be done so long as the land remains in private hands. That is why we stand for the organisation of planning on behalf of the community and are opposed to the present unplanned reconstruction of many of our towns by speculative developers who take as their only consideration profit and commercial interests".

SURBITON (SURREY)

214
Lines 499-511. Delete, and insert:

"Our towns and cities must be reshaped to meet the needs of modern living. There must be a curb to the indefinite extension of 'commuter' living around the cities. The Green Belts must be defended and made available to the people. New towns must be sited in accordance with proper measures of national and economic planning.

Present planning measures are negative in character and conditioned by the needs of capitalism and the costs of compensation. They must be replaced by plans for every town and city which put the interests of the community first and meet the real needs of the people. Measures must be taken to end the decay and depopulation of the rural areas. But planning for the people's needs can never be carried through while the land remains in private hands, and this requires the nationalisation of all urban land other than that of owner occupiers, that is, all land now built on, all land on the fringes of towns, and all land planned as suitable for development but not yet built on".

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE
NORTH LEWISHAM (LONDON)

215
Line 500. Add after "wrong way"—"in the interests of private profit".

LONDON UNIVERSITY STAFFS (LONDON)

216
Line 504. After "on behalf of" insert "and by".

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS (SOUTH EAST
MIDLANDS)

217
Line 504. Delete "urban".
HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

218
Lines 505-507. Delete "that is, all land now built on, all land on, all land on the fringe of towns and all land ripe for development but not yet built on."

HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)
ABERDEEN CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)

219
Lines 507-508. Delete from "We" to "cities".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

220
Line 508. After "end", add:
"The present policy of encroachment on the green belt must be stopped and in fact the green belt must be extended."

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

221
Line 508. Delete the sentence "The decay and depopulation of the rural areas must end", insert:

"and plan the balanced distribution of industry and commerce to end the decay and depopulation of the country areas and the drift away from provincial cities because of lack of work and opportunities".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

222
Line 509. Add new paragraph after "must end":

"Town planning under efficient and democratic control, and the proper siting of industries and offices, can curb the indefinite extension of 'commuter living'. Housing estates should be centres with proper facilities for leisure and recreation. This, together with similar planning of holiday centres and towns, and efficient public transport to serve them, would help halt the present catastrophic increase in personal motor transport".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

223
Line 510. Delete "and make sure that it" and insert:

"as well as preserving the beauty of the countryside and then make sure that all land".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

224
Line 512. Sub-section "Traffic and Transport" to read:

"We stand for the utmost expansion of public transport, which should be subsidised to keep fares very low. Compensation to ex-shareholders must stop, and public transport should be exempt from fuel tax. In this way, wages to transport staff could be raised substantially to attract more staff, the services could be improved, and fares cut. More of the travelling public would then make better use of the services with the resultant lessening of traffic congestion on the roads.

In the large towns and cities where

traffic congestion is very severe, some form of prohibition should be operated to prevent private cars from entering specified zones in which public transport only would be allowed.

Freight should be returned to the railways wherever possible. Roadways in towns should be replanned to allow for the segregation of heavy through traffic from residential areas, and an immediate start on the creation in urban areas of 'environmental areas', free of through traffic, should be made. Traffic-free shopping 'precincts' should be encouraged in every town.

All this clearly involves much greater expenditure. Even these proposals can do no more than alleviate the present problems, and a comprehensive plan for transport is needed to deal with, among other things, the problems that will arise from the anticipated increase in vehicles on the road from 10 million in 1962 to 18 million by 1970 and 27 million by 1980."

BARNET (LONDON)

225
Line 513. After "towns" add:
"together with the unprincipled increase in road traffic".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

226
Lines 513-514. Delete "The unplanned growth of our towns" and substitute:
"The powerful motor manufacturers' lobby has succeeded in ensuring an unchecked growth in the motor vehicle population and this has led. . . ."

NORWOOD (LONDON)

227
Line 515. Delete "putting up fares", insert:

"public road passenger services, and exorbitant rises in fare".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

228
Line 516. Insert the word "private" before "motor".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

229
Line 516. After "load", new sentence:
"The negative policy of attacking and taxing the motorist does not tackle the basic problem of congestion and consequent accidents—only planning and decentralisation of the great population centres can do this".

WIMBLEDON (SURREY)

230
Line 519. After "health" insert:
"In 1964 total casualties amounted to 385,499, of which 7,820 were fatal. To June 1965 total casualties amounted to over 200,000 of which 3,721 were fatal. We demand that the Government takes immediate steps to ensure that the rising death toll on the roads is curtailed by every possible means, including more

stringent legal measures against road safety offenders of all types".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

231

Line 519. After "stand" insert:

"for immediate steps to stop the cutting down of public transport services, the removal of the Fuel Tax on this industry, and".

WELSH DISTRICT COMMITTEE

232

Line 519. After "we stand for" delete to "public transport" (line 520) and insert:

"bringing all public transport under public control".

TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)

233

Line 520. Insert "in particular, railway services" between "transport" and "which".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

234

Line 520. Full stop after "service".

MANCHESTER INDUSTRIAL (LANCS)

235

Line 521. Delete "subsidised to keep fares very low", insert:

"We also stand for the abolition of the fuel tax for public service (Fares Stage) vehicles which would enable an improvement in the wages and conditions of transport workers to be made and fares to be reduced".

MANCHESTER INDUSTRIAL (LANCS)

236

Line 520. After the word "service" insert:

"Run as part of a united national transport plan,"

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

237

Line 520. After "transport" insert:

"particularly Underground Rail Systems in large towns".

BYRON, NOTTS (EAST MIDLANDS)

238

Line 521. Delete "the return . . . wherever possible;" insert:

"a halt to proposed further closure of railways, the return of heavy freight to them by renationalising road transport, and restriction of C licenses to a forty mile radius; public ownership of road passenger transport, integrated with an improved and cheap passenger rail service;"

EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

239

Line 521. After "low" add:

"and leading to a standard fare for any distance on all local transport".

TOOTING AND FURZEDOWN (LONDON)

240

Line 521. Insert after "very low":

"by rational planning and immediate relief from the burden of compensation payments still being made".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

241

Line 521. After the word "low" insert:

"the restriction of the use of private cars in city centres".

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

242

Line 521. Delete "very".

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

243

Line 521. Delete "keep fares very low" and insert:

"abolish fares for local journeys and keep all other fares low".

NORWOOD (LONDON)

244

Line 521. After "low" add:

"so that it becomes unnecessary and uneconomic for most car-owners to use cars in our towns and cities."

WEST OF ENGLAND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

245

Line 521. Delete "subsidised to keep", insert "with".

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

246

Line 521. After "services" delete "subsidised to keep fares very low" and insert:

"fuel tax should be eliminated for the sole purpose of reducing fares and an immediate start made to create regionalisation of Public Transport aiming to make all private passenger transport publically owned".

LANCASHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

247

Line 521. Add after "low":

"to discourage the unplanned growth of private vehicle ownership".

LONDON UNIVERSITY STAFFS (LONDON)

248

Line 522. Insert after "... railways":

"and waterways".

HANDSWORTH AND LOZELLS (MIDLANDS)

CANTERBURY (KENT)

BYRON, NOTTS (EAST MIDLANDS)

249

Line 522. Delete "wherever possible" and insert:

"as well as the development of railway systems for long-distance and urban passenger transport".

CATHCART (SCOTLAND)

250

Line 522. After "Possible" add:

"an end to rail closures, and a planned expansion of the railways".

PARK (SOUTH ESSEX)

251

Line 526. After "traffic" add new sentence:

"Air travel can play a much greater role in an integrated transport system by the creation of an airport network for inter-city transport of passenger and freight."

FILTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

252

Line 526. Insert new sentence:

"The Buchanan Report should be taken out of cold storage and its principles applied."

SOUTH ISLINGTON (LONDON)

253

Line 527. Delete paragraph commencing this line and ending 532 and insert:

"Even these proposals can do no more than alleviate the present position and a Socialist plan for all means of transport is needed with the bringing of all public transport and associate industries into public ownership. The establishment of state and municipal car-hire to make available cars to the public when needed and the development of new means of transport, these and similar steps are essential if we are to prevent the further spoilation of the countryside and the continuing astronomical increase in road traffic, and secure a reduction of accidents".

NORWICH (EAST ANGLIA)

254

Line 527. Add new sentence:

"Road haulage should be renationalised at an early date."

KIRKSTALL (YORKSHIRE)

255

Line 529. After "deal" insert:

"with the needs of a growing society. The Communist Party is opposed to the view that the anticipated increase in vehicles on the road from 10 million in 1965 to 18 million by 1970 and 27 million by 1980 is an inevitable or desirable historical development."

EDINBURGH CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)

256

Lines 529-531. Delete from "deal" to "road" and insert:

"control the number of vehicles on the road which at present are anticipated to increase".

PARK (SOUTH ESSEX)

257

Lines 529-532. Delete from end of line 529 "deal" to end of sentence, substitute:

"bring about among other things a reduction in the increasing number of private vehicles and the consequent traffic chaos on the roads".

RAMSGATE (KENT)

HAYES SOUTH (WEST MIDDLESEX)

258

Line 529. After "needed" delete "deal among other things with the problems that will arise from", and insert "prevent".

CATHCART (SCOTLAND)

259

Line 529. Delete "deal among other things with the problems that will arise", insert:

"avoid the certain chaos and crippling cost to the community that would arise if we failed to prevent . . ."

NORWOOD (LONDON)

- 260 Line 529. After the word "needed" insert:
"to include intensified research and development of new methods of transport and".
HIGHGATE (LONDON)
- 261 Line 529. Delete "to deal . . . by 1980", insert:
"including maximum use of rail, canal, sea, and air transport as well as roads."
EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 262 Line 529. After "transport", insert:
"including the nationalisation of docks and dock installations,"
PLESSEY (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 263 Line 529. Delete "plan" and insert:
"Communist Party policy".
CATHCART (SCOTLAND)
- 264 Line 529. After "transport" insert:
"with a publicly owned integrated system".
LANCS AND CHESHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- 265 Line 531. Delete "anticipated" and insert "threatened".
WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 266 Line 532. After "1980" new sentence:
"The Communist Party must lead the fight against fares increases".
WIMBLEDON (SURREY)
- 267 Line 532. After "1980" add:
"and the inevitable corresponding increase in inconvenience, deaths and other disadvantages".
CATHCART (SCOTLAND)
- 268 Line 532. Add at end of sentence:
"is allowed to take place".
GRAVESEND AND NORTH FLEET (KENT)
- 269 Line 532. In addition:
"That a comprehensive plan be inaugurated with the re-nationalisation of all road transport and the complete nationalisation of docks facilities and labour."
BECONTREE (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 270 Line 532. After "1980" insert new sentence as follows:
"In the long term, we would boldly take every step possible to discourage personal ownership of cars by the development of an adequate system of transport, with cheap hire cars for pleasure."
WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS AND DORSET)
- 271 Line 533. After "1980" add:
"This poses the question whether the indefinite extension of motoring is feasible in Britain".
WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)
- 272 Line 534. After "service" add:
"in the field of preventive medicine as well as curative medicine".
EDINBURGH CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)
- 273 Lines 535-536. Between above lines insert new sentence:
"National Insurance contributions should be abolished and the cost of the National Health service should come from taxation of the rich and a cut in the arms expenditure."
BROWNING (LONDON)
- 274 Line 536. After "responsibility." add:
"Such a service would not only help to avoid much of the personal suffering and loss of working capacity which results from physical and mental sickness, but would actually save resources of money and personnel."
PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS (LONDON)
- 275 Line 537. After "Government responsibility" insert:
"The relationship of the social background to the health of the people must be paid more attention to by health workers, with the recognition that the real basis for a health service lies in adequate employment, housing, feeding and physical and intellectual culture."
CORBY (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)
- 276 Line 537. After "propaganda" insert:
"especially explaining the dangers of smoking to young people".
BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 277 Line 540. Add:
"Highest priority should be given to a national campaign against cigarette smoking, proven to be the major cause of lung cancer. Such a campaign should include education and medical treatment for smokers, a ban on cigarette smoking in public places, and a complete ban on cigarette advertising."
PARTICK (GLASGOW)
- 278 Line 540. Insert new sentence:
"Private patient facilities within the N.H.S. hospitals should be abolished."
BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 279 Line 540. Insert after the end of paragraph:
"To re-organise the Health Service to provide for more democratic control and to allow the free expression of the people in relation to health matters".
HIGHGATE (LONDON)
- 280 Line 540. After "priority" add:
"There should be much greater provision for and research on mental health".
SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE
BELSIZE/SOUTHEND (LONDON)
HOUNSLOW (WEST MIDDLESEX)
- 281 Line 542. After "Communist Party" add
"the Socialist Medical Association".
EDINBURGH CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)
- 282 Line 543. Delete "British", insert
"Socialist".
GUILDFORD (SURREY)
- 283 Line 544. Delete "urgently" and insert
"soon".
EDINBURGH CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)
- 284 Line 550. Add after "mothers and children":
"Expansion of school dental services with special emphasis on training of more dentists for children".
PARK AND BRUCE GROVE (LONDON)
AVON (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 285 Line 551. After "maternity" insert
"service", and add:
"and the family planning service and all ambulance services should be incorporated in the N.H.S."
NORTH EAST BRISTOL (WEST OF ENGLAND)
- 286 Lines 550-551. Delete "and family planning service" and insert:
"service. Family planning should be brought under the National Health Service".
PARK (SOUTH ESSEX)
HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)
HANDSWORTH AND LOZELLS (MIDLANDS)
GUILDFORD (SURREY)
- 287 Lines 550-551. Delete "and family planning", insert after "service":
"Family planning should be freely available to all women under the National Health Service; the existing abortion law should be amended".
PECKHAM (LONDON)
- 288 Line 551. After "service" insert:
"and for revision in the law on abortion in such a way as to safeguard health and end the present unnecessary suffering and loss of life."
CLAPHAM (LONDON)
- 289 Line 551. After "service" add:
"(included in the National Health Service) and with a particular extension of painless childbirth facilities".
EAST HAM NORTH (LONDON)

290

Line 551. Delete from "The drug industry" to "cost of drugs" and insert:

"The key large drug manufacturing units must be nationalised to bring down the inflated cost of drugs, and reduce the financial load on the N.H.S."

TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)

291

Line 552. Between "drugs" and "There must be" add:

"to rationalise investigation and assessment of new materials for the prevention and treatment of disease, and to free doctors from commercial pressures designed to influence their choice of treatment".

MARYLEBONE (LONDON)

292

Line 552. After "inflated cost of drugs", insert:

"All harmful drugs and chemicals to be more strictly controlled before being put on the market. Such action to start at once."

BURNLEY AND NELSON (LANCS)
ANFIELD (LANCS)
DINGLE (LANCS)

293

Line 552. After sentence ending "... price of drugs" change full stop to comma and add:

"... and in order to end commercial pressure on doctors and public to use drugs more than is reasonable".

YORKSHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

294

Line 553. After "facilities" insert "and finance".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

295

Line 555. After "facilities" insert new sentence:

"Hospital Management Committees should be democratically elected from organisations instead of the present bureaucratic mode of selection."

Omit "To ensure this,"

BROADSTAIRS (KENT)

296

Line 559. After "of all kinds" add "from all strata of society".

WOODSIDE (SURREY)

297

Line 559. After the sentence ending "... all kinds" insert:

"There must be a wider selection of medical students from all secondary schools. All hospitals should be put under the control of Regional Hospital Boards, thus making it possible for any hospital to be more easily transformed into a teaching hospital".

YORKSHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

298

Line 559. After "kinds" add:

"in particular to remove restrictions on

the number of university places for medical students".

TROWBRIDGE (WEST OF ENGLAND)

299

Line 560. Delete "all" and insert "most".

GUILDFORD (SURREY)

300

Line 560. Add "One 500-bed hospital to be allocated to every 100,000 people".

KIRKBY (LANCS)

301

Line 560. After "their services once trained", insert:

"thus avoiding any withdrawal by any subversive minority from the N.H.S."

BASINGSTOKE (HANTS AND DORSET)

302

Line 563. After "eliminated" change full stop to comma and add:

"and the practice of giving priority to those who will pay for it, ceased."

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT COMMITTEE
DRUMCHAPEL (SCOTLAND)
MOSS SIDE WEST (LANCASHIRE)

303

Line 564. After "hospital building", insert a new sentence:

"The present method of appointment to regional and local hospital boards should be ended and a more democratic method of election adopted."

SWINDON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

304

Line 565. After the word "centres", insert "as laid down in Section 21 of the National Health Service Act of 1946". Transfer amended paragraph to first paragraph after line 435.

RUISLIP, NORTHWOOD
(WEST MIDDLESEX)

305

Line 566. Delete "working in them should be paid by salary to promote teamwork" and insert:

"working in them should work as a team and in".

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

306

Line 568. Insert new sentence after "services":

"Boards governing the Health Services should be more representative by the inclusion on them of more doctors and members of the labour movement."

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS (LONDON)

307

Line 570. Add:

"Not only are these changes desirable for the patients, but they would overcome the major problems and frustrations which are making doctors so restless at present."

WEST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

308

Line 571. Add new sentence:

"All attempts to set up a private fee paying National Health Service must be vigorously opposed."

STREATHAM (LONDON)

309

Line 572. After "abolished" insert comma, and add:

"and also the existing practice of doctors being allowed to allocate hospital beds to fee-paying patients, thereby establishing privilege. There should be an increase in T.U. representation on hospital management committees."

NORTH EAST BRISTOL (WEST OF ENGLAND)

310

Line 572. After "charges" insert: "and private practice".

FARLEY (HANTS AND DORSET)

311

Line 572 (after). Insert:

"The number of Factory Inspectors should be augmented considerably and more modern methods of detecting the hazards to health of the ever increasing number of new dangerous chemicals being produced and used in industry should be employed."

BEXLEY (KENT)

312

Line 572. Add new paragraph:

"The Party should give full support to the Socialist Medical Association in defence and advancement of the National Health Service."

CRAIGMILLER (SCOTLAND)

313

Line 574. Delete "If women ... families are needed." Insert:

"We want to see a much greater co-ordination of all services concerned with health and welfare, so that the needs of families as a whole can be more adequately met."

New paragraph commencing line 576
"Women must have the opportunity ..."

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS (LONDON)

314

Line 581. End of paragraph insert:

"These should include communal feeding services and the production, distribution and processing of food in a way which makes this a real public service providing wholesome food and food products superior to those which at present have both food and cash value reduced in the extraction of private profit."

CORBY (SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS)

315

Line 581. New sentence:

"The law should be amended to provide the wife with the right to joint control of rented or owner-occupied property, goods and chattels."

EAST HAM NORTH (LONDON)

316

Line 582. Delete "very".

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

317

Lines 582-584. Delete "For very young children ... of mothers and children." Insert:

"To assist the working mother, full facilities including council-administered day nurseries for children from six weeks to five years of age, including within them nursery school facilities, are of prime necessity if women are to carry out a full-time occupation. The facilities should be flexible enough to coincide with the normal working hours of the professions and industry and provide in them facilities for children of school age. It is impossible for women to attain real equality, seriously undertaking a return to full-time employment to use their skills and talents unless these services are made fully available."

KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM (MIDLANDS)

318

Line 584. After "children" insert:

"The present means test must be abolished in favour of a nominal standard charge."

SHIRLEY (HANTS AND DORSET)

319

Line 588. After "ages", insert:

"Well equipped Youth Centres should be provided where the youth can spend their spare time in a constructive and creative way."

There should be a big extension of Children's Holiday Homes."

BALHAM (LONDON)

320

Line 592. After "services" insert: "cheap telephones".

HANWELL (WEST MIDDLESEX)

321

Line 592. After "special health services" insert:

"reduced fares on all public transport."

NORTH ISLINGTON (LONDON)

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

322

Line 594. Add new sentence:

"But the main responsibility for providing these welfare services must be that of the elected local authorities."

NEWINGTON, SOUTHWARK (LONDON)

323

Line 598. After "breakdown" insert:

"The existing laws regarding the employment of disabled persons must be strengthened and enforced to give them remunerative employment."

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT COMMITTEE

324

Line 599. Delete the sentence "There must be special help to widows".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

325

Line 599. After "widows" add "and unmarried mothers".

EASTLEIGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

326

Line 599. After "widows" add "and widowers with children".

CHESTERFIELD (EAST MIDLANDS)

327

Line 599. After "widows", add:

"and unmarried mothers in the form of adequate grants before and after the birth of the child and further help in the form of additional tax relief".

WIMBLEDON (SURREY)

328

Line 601. Add new paragraph:

"The pay and conditions of Social Welfare workers should be raised to attract people with the necessary ability to do this work".

WEST OF ENGLAND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

329

Line 601. Add new paragraph:

"During the Second World War, a levy was made on all income tax payers, including those in the armed forces, which was described as Post-War Credit. We demand the immediate payment of all credits before further depreciation of the money takes place."

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

330

Line 601. Insert new sentence:

"Pay and conditions of social welfare workers must be raised to attract high-quality recruits to implement the new types of service."

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

331

Line 601. After "families", add:

"All these services should be integrated into a local authority family welfare service."

LONDON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

332

Line 601. After this line insert new section "YOUTH".

"Young people must be guaranteed full opportunities to develop their talents and abilities. All young workers should be given the right to acquire skill; apprenticeship schemes and trade training must be enlarged to cover all, and the practice of employing large numbers of young people in dead-end jobs must be ended."

The Youth Service should be overhauled and made open to all organisations of young people irrespective of political and religious beliefs. It should be run democratically with young people themselves having the major say. Ample funds should be made available to local authorities for building comprehensive youth centres."

STROUD GREEN (LONDON)

333

Line 602. Add:

"This programme can only be achieved by the immediate training of hundreds more social workers".

CHELMSFORD (EAST ANGLIA)

334

Line 606. After "this" add:

"There must be a Government Act passed compelling local authorities to

fulfil minimum social requirements, such as the provision of indoor swimming pools, and halls suitable for cultural events. There should be a special clause in the Act, making it an obligation for local authorities to provide for a rapid increase in the provision of fully equipped youth centres with adequate playing space."

EASTLEIGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

335

Line 607. After "generous" insert "funds and".

ISLINGTON MUNICIPAL (LONDON)

336

Line 608. After "grants" add:

"and democratic representation".

TEMPLE FORTUNE (LONDON)

337

Line 609. After "arts" insert "such as".

EDINBURGH CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)

338

Line 610. Delete "the National Theatre . . . art galleries, etc."

EDINBURGH CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)

339

Line 610. After "Royal Shakespeare Theatre", insert "libraries".

ISLINGTON MUNICIPAL (LONDON)

340

Line 611. Insert after "galleries, etc.":

"having special consideration, for example, to the threat by the British Transport Commission to dispose of irreplaceable relics housed in Clapham Transport Museum".

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

341

Line 612. After "activity" insert:

"Furthermore the increases in fees imposed on Evening Institutes and other centres of Adult Education should be cut back to a reasonable and just minimum."

EASTLEIGH (HANTS AND DORSET)

342

Line 612. After "activity" insert sentence:

"Bigger grants should allow the reduction of prices in many cases, so that more people can enjoy the facilities available".

BECKENHAM AND PENCE (KENT)

343

Line 615. Delete "and" which stands between "ballet and music".

GRANGE (WEST MIDDLESEX)

344

Line 615. After "music" insert "and visual art".

GRANGE (WEST MIDDLESEX)

345

Line 619. After "be" insert "abolished" and delete remainder of sentence.

BLACKBURN (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

346

Line 619. After "be fully implemented" insert:

"and any additional necessary steps taken to provide facilities adequate for all

to secure and enjoy physical education and recreation."

CORBY (SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS)

347

Line 619. Insert "and extended" after "implemented".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

348

Line 620. Insert "and" between "gear" and "musical" and delete "and other".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

349

Line 620. Insert new paragraph after "instruments":

"The provisions of the 1964 Public Libraries Act must be broadened to cover the free loan of gramophone records, pictures, etc.; the standards suggested by the 1962 White Paper should be regarded as minima and not as optima; and in order to achieve the best use of the nation's library resources the machinery of inter-library loans should be wholly financed from government sources."

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

350

Line 623. Insert after "rate" "(4 4/5d. in Scotland)".

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
EDINBURGH CENTRAL (SCOTLAND)

351

Line 627. After this line insert paragraph: "Sufficient funds must be allocated to local authorities to allow the recommendations of the Albermarle Report to be implemented.

A welcome innovation would be numbers of councils adopting the continental idea of municipal summer camps for children".

BECKENHAM AND PENGES (KENT)

352

Line 632. Insert paragraph after this line:

"The trade unions must use much more of their massive funds for promotion of the arts and education amongst their members".

BECKENHAM AND PENGES (KENT)

353

Line 632. Delete "and Centre 42" and insert: "W.M.A., etc.".

TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)

354

Line 632. Add inside the brackets, after "like Unity Theatre", the words: "Workers' Music Association".

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

WATFORD (SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS)

WEST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

TEMPLE FORTUNE (LONDON)

GOODMAYES (SOUTH ESSEX)

SOUTHGATE (LONDON)

BECONTREE (SOUTH ESSEX)

BROMLEY (KENT)

MUSICIANS (LONDON)

TURNPIKE (LONDON)

355

Line 633. Delete "The Advisory Councils of the BBC and ITV must be made truly democratic bodies;" insert:

"Commercialism should be removed from television and the Advisory Councils must be made truly democratic bodies;".

HAYES NORTH (WEST MIDDLESEX)

356

Line 633. Delete "ITV", substitute "ITA".

MARYLEBONE (LONDON)

357

Line 634. Delete "and ITV."

SHIP REPAIR (LONDON)

358

Line 634. Between "bodies" and "and regional broadcasting", add:

"with full trade union participation".

MARYLEBONE (LONDON)

359

Line 634. And add:

"and the 'licence to print money' of the ITV be removed forthwith and the BBC to be broadened both nationally and locally".

CHELMSFORD (EAST ANGLIA)

360

Line 635. After "set up" add:

"under public control, and there should be no further extension of commercial TV or broadcasting".

TOWN, HAMPSTEAD (LONDON)

361

Line 635. After "set up" add:

"The ITV must cease to be a commercial advertising medium".

MARYLEBONE (LONDON)

362

Line 636. Delete all after "break" to end of paragraph and insert:

"the duopoly of the Rank and A.B.P.C. which is strangling independent British film production. Such a third circuit should be allied to production and resources and must be under public ownership."

HIGHGATE (LONDON)

363

Line 636. Insert "publicly financed" between "circuit" and "is".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

364

Line 638. After "showing of" insert: "entertaining".

DRAYTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)

365

Line 639. Insert new sub-section between the sections on "Leisure" and "Local Democracy", headed "The Legal System":

"We believe that all criminal and civil law should be humanitarian in character and therefore the law should be radically reformed with this end in mind. The Judiciary should be democratically appointed; prisons and other institutes of detention should base their work on reform and not repression; released prisoners

should be effectively rehabilitated as ordinary members of society.

Recent events have made it clear that democratic control over the police force is necessary and that the Home Secretary's powers be drastically curbed. There should be a Watch Committee for the Metropolitan Area of London which at present is directly under the Home Secretary's control".

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS (LONDON)

366

Line 640. Delete lines 640-643 and lines 663-667, substitute one new paragraph as follows, commencing line 640:

"The expansion of local democracy is essential for social advance. It requires greater participation by the people. The extension of the system of 3-year local elections and the increases in size of ward boundaries under the Greater London reorganisation is a retrograde step. Annual local elections should be universal. In every ward meetings should be held regularly at which the councillors report on their activities. Council committees should be expanded to include more representatives of trade unions, and other democratic organisations. Such democratic organisations including Tenants and Residents Associations, Parents & Teachers, and Pensions organisations, and similar bodies concerned with passenger transport, public health and education, and local international friendship committees should be supported and popularised.

Powers of control of local councils over a wider range of services should be provided, although in some fields, e.g. higher education, the powers should rest in the higher (county) authority."

WEST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

367

Line 640. Delete lines 640-655 and substitute:

"The expansion of popular control is essential for social advance. As local democracy increases and local councils put forward progressive demands, it will prove possible to increase the scope of responsibility of these councils. Local councils should work closely with other local democratic bodies, such as trade unions, parent-teacher associations and pensioners' organisations.

Every progressive initiative of local authorities should be encouraged, and government control over the level of local expenditure should not be made the excuse for restrictive practices of 'economy', particularly in relation to council borrowing for vital social improvements. The office of district auditor should be abolished. Most important of all, the block grant must be replaced by Exchequer payments to the Councils of a percentage of all their expenditure, the amount being

a substantially larger proportion of such expenditure than is now paid.

Extra grants should be given to authorities of predominantly rural areas where the costs of the services are relatively high, in order to eliminate the gap between the standards of rural and urban services. Emergency grants should be made to authorities in certain areas where near-total redevelopment has become necessary after years of neglect.

In no case should a reactionary local authority be allowed to block improvements in social services; the national government has a responsibility to ensure adequate housing, education and welfare in every part of Britain."

PARTICK, GLASGOW (SCOTLAND)

368

Line 642. After the word "widened" add "including the Police".

COLERAINE, TOTTENHAM (LONDON)

369

Line 643. Add:

"New forms of administration of local government should be introduced to bring councillors into closer contact with the salaried officers and their work. Where necessary full-time employment of elected councillors for their term of office could be introduced."

SURBITON (SURREY)

370

Line 643. Add:

"We oppose any proposal to transfer any functions of local council to non-elected bodies. Regional elected authorities must be created to bring under democratic control services now run by bureaucratic ministries (e.g. hospitals) and services which could be more effectively run by large local authorities, such as regional authorities".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

371

Line 643. After "encouraged." insert:

"While recognising the need for boundary adjustments in Local Government to meet modern needs, we will resist any Regionalisation Plans which weaken effective democratic control of the Social Services."

MOTHERWELL (SCOTLAND)

372

Lines 646-647. Delete from "particularly" to "improvements", insert:

"candidates and councillors must lead the fight for vital social improvements against these 'economies'".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

373

Lines 647-648. Delete the sentence beginning "The" and ending "abolished", insert:

"(We are of the opinion that in a Socialist society it will be necessary to ensure that finance is handled in the best interest of

the working class. This could be the role of the district auditor. If we are mistaken in this view, then it is necessary for an explanation for the need to abolish the office of district auditor.)"

GUILDFORD (SURREY)

374

Line 648. Delete "abolished", insert:

"expanded with a professionally qualified officer acting under the supervision of an elected auditing commission with full rights of public scrutiny of public accounts being accepted."

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

375

Line 662. After "interests" insert further sentence as follows:

"A detailed policy for this will be worked out in the immediate future."

WOOLSTON AND SHOLING (HANTS AND DORSET)

376

Line 663. After "interests" insert a new sentence:

"Meanwhile local commercial concerns must pay more through local rates to meet the Council's needs for local authority services."

BROWNING (LONDON)

377

Line 664. After "people" insert a new sentence:

"Local elections should be held every year".

PARK (SOUTH ESSEX)

378

Line 665. New sentence after first one in this paragraph:

"In particular, it should be made possible for more people to act as local Councillors".

LONDON UNIVERSITY STAFFS (LONDON)

379

Line 667. Aldermanic seats should be abolished.

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

380

Line 667. After this line insert new paragraph:

"We oppose the growing use by the local police, of closed circuit TV and the Commando police force, which are said to be used for combating crime, but in fact, are an encroachment on Civil Liberties, and can be used against the people in general, and the Labour Movement in particular".

DINGLE (LANCS)

381

Line 667. After "trades unions" insert:

"tenants and residents associations, parent teachers associations, old age pensioners federations. . . ."

HANWELL (LONDON)

382

Line 667. Add:

"Compensation for loss of earnings

should be available for such representatives."

SURBITON (SURREY)

383

Line 668. After "organisations" add:

"There can be no radical improvement in the position of local government unless candidates and councillors campaign consistently for progressive and socialist solutions to the major problems affecting local government".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

384

Line 668. Add:

"Local democracy also demands that council tenants enjoy the same legal protections as all other tenants in the courts."

PLESSEY (SOUTH ESSEX)

385

Line 669. To replace first sentence:

"The Communist Party stands for the abolition of Capitalism and the development of a Socialist system of society which puts the social needs of the people before profit, class privilege and arms production."

DAILY WORKER PRODUCTION (LONDON)

386

Line 681. Delete "solve" insert "ease".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

387

Line 686. Add at end:

"There is already a wide popular movement demanding improvements in the social services, especially in health and education, for increased pensions and for more council houses and cheaper housing loans.

Many Labour M.P.s are agitating for substantial cuts in arms expenditure so that money can become available to improve the social services. At the T.U.C. and Labour conferences resolutions in support of advances in the health and education services were passed. At a number of regional conferences, attended by widely representative Labour and trade union organisations, resolutions have been passed asking the Government to increase pensions, reduce interest rates to local authorities, increase expenditure for health and education.

Local authorities are concerned about their growing financial burdens and are beginning to press for lower interest rates and for a radical overhaul of the rating system.

Doctors, teachers and other professional workers are showing their concern not only with their conditions of work but have also been asking for better services for their patients and their pupils.

In the universities social scientists are exposing the myth of the affluent society and showing that millions of British people especially among the aged are living at or below poverty level.

There is also among the general public widespread dissatisfaction at the deficiencies in the social services.

In this wide and developing movement the Communist Party, at national, district and local level, has already given important leadership. Our aims for the social services can actually be accomplished so long as the activities of those already participating are unified: and also provided that meetings, conferences, discussions, poster parades, are multiplied many times over. In the battle to win improvements in the social services it is necessary to win the active support of the T.U. the decisive section of the British working class for action to change the Government's policies. Experience during the last year has provided ample evidence to show that this is possible.

The Labour and Trades Union Movement can be brought into action and so can the body of the British people.

When this activity is nationwide, united, and the movement is convinced of the need for a fundamental change in Government policy these changes will have to be carried out, and extensive developments in the social services can then be made.

These actions will bind together many different sections of the British people under the leadership of the Labour movement and thus help to build the broad alliance which is a necessary condition for the advance to Socialism."

ABERDARE (WALES)

388

Lines 687-688. Delete from "will" to "involved," and insert:

"requires, however, that wide sections of the community are won for this fight".

PARK (SOUTH ESSEX)

389

Line 695 (after). Add:

"People should be encouraged to participate in the work of all voluntary social organisations such as Tenants & Residents' Associations, Local Arts Councils, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc., etc."

NORTH ACTON (WEST MIDDLESEX)
MUSICIANS (LONDON)

390

Lines 699-700. After "policies" insert "but as", delete "they are".

FAWLEY (HANTS AND DORSET)

391

Line 700. Delete "democratic".

GUILDFORD (SURREY)

392

Line 705. Delete "to elect more", insert: "to present our policies and candidates to the maximum number of municipal electors and to achieve the election of more".

MOTHERWELL (SCOTLAND)

393

Line 705. Insert "secure election for" in place of "elect".

SOUTH LEICESTER (EAST MIDLANDS)

394

Line 706. Delete "as an essential part of the fight for social services", insert:

"This requires consistent public work in the localities by our branches as an essential part of the fight for the British Road to Socialism."

NORTH-EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

395

Line 707. After "services" add:

"This requires branches to conduct struggles for improvements in social services in a public way, which if correctly conducted will enable the Party to increase its size and effectiveness".

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS FROM BRANCHES AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES

OUR ATTITUDE TO THE LABOUR PARTY

No. 1

This Branch considers that a reassessment of our attitude towards the Labour Party is necessary in the present political situation.

The Labour Party was elected to govern on fairly left-wing bases, and presented itself before the Election as intending such a programme.

The British Labour Party has already shown itself to be nothing but a tool of the capitalists in this country; and a hanger-on to the Americans to their Imperialist policy in Asia and South America.

Wilson and the Labour Government should be treated as the confidence tricksters that they are, and should be attacked as strongly as the Tories are; for they have betrayed the working people that supported them.

The Labour Party has gone more and more right-wing, the same as other Social Democratic parties on the Continent; giving full support to the Capitalist establishment of Church and State.

The Communist Party of Great Britain must stop treating the Labour Party as a betrayed party, betrayed by its leaders, and treat it as it really is—a new extension of the capitalist and bourgeois system, and in its place must be built a Communist Party with high Socialist morality. This can only be brought about by a party with a secular appeal.

The Communist Party should concentrate on recruiting from all Labour and progressive organisations people that really believe in socialism. We must point out to Labour Party members that they are misguided if they think that a Labour Party will ever bring about a Socialist Britain.

Marxism-Leninism need not be watered down to appeal to the working people, the logic of its conception will eventually do this. The Socialist Revolution will come in this country, and could be at a higher level, due to this country's higher state of development, than that which we have seen being brought in the now existing Socialist countries.

TAUNTON (WEST OF ENGLAND)

No. 2

The past period has seen the forces of the "Right" tightening its control on the Labour Party and at the same time increasing pressure throughout the Labour and Trade Union Movement.

Whilst we hoped that the Labour Government would carry through some radical changes on the Steel, Housing, Land and Foreign Policy, these have been thrown overboard. This Government has used the pressures from world capitalism to enable it to shelve any progressive policy.

It is true to state that in the present situation there is little chance of any major policy changes on the part of this Labour leadership. Even when the left can muster over two million votes, as happened at the Labour Conference during the Vietnam debate, it can still be isolated. The Right Wing must be soundly defeated to bring about any lasting change in policy.

We believe that our Party should adopt a far more aggressive attitude towards the Labour Government. We applaud the campaign of the *Daily Worker*, but recognise the urgent need for a national campaign to publicly denounce the right wing Labour leadership and call for support for a change.

We call on this Congress to support a vigorous and outspoken opposition to the policies of the present Government. The first rumblings of discontent have been heard from within the Parliamentary Labour ranks and indicate some opposition. This must be supported and developed if we are to build a left

movement of any strength. Alongside this we must intensify our work at all levels and bring the Communist Party out as never before to raise the real need for the Socialist alternative.

SOUTHGATE (LONDON)

No. 3

This Congress resolves that the Executive Committee shall initiate a discussion, within the Party, on the role of Social Democracy in the Labour Movement and in the advance to Socialism.

SMITHS, OXGATE LANE (LONDON)

No. 4

This Branch feels that the document deals with left unity in a general sense, but does not bring out how to maintain the momentum, or sufficient example of the scope of left unity required for change of policy.

This we feel is extremely important in view of our experiences of left sectarianism towards the Labour left in assessment of their role.

EXCHANGE (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

No. 5

The British Labour Party is a capitalist institution, which is serving the interests and propagating the course of British capitalism, the exposure of which is imperative to bring about the destruction of such an institution, whereby a Socialist Society can be constructed.

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

No. 6

We believe that many comrades are inactive because they are confused about Party policy, notably that part relating to the Labour Party and Labour Government.

They are sickened by the present government's support of blatant imperialist aggression in the world. We therefore ask that a priority of the newly elected political committee should be to examine the ideology of Social Democracy as worked out by the Labour leaders in this country, and put forward *clear* arguments for what our attitude should be towards the Labour Party on the one hand, and Labour Government on the other.

BRISTOL NORTH EAST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

No. 7

Congress calls upon the Executive Committee to make a detailed estimation of the character, strength and potential of the left-wing in the various sections of the Labour Movement today in order to strengthen and deepen the fight for the line of the Political Resolution.

LIVERPOOL STAFFS (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

ELECTORAL POLICY

No. 8

While supporting the Draft Resolution on an increase in the electoral work of our Party, there does remain a certain amount of confusion over Communist policy at election time. It has long been proposed that the Communist Party should not contest in a General Election where the seat is marginal, i.e. that if a Communist candidate was to contest the possibility could arise when votes would be drawn from a Labour candidate resulting in a Labour defeat.

But it is not Communist electoral intervention which splits the working class vote, but right-wing Labour leadership. Any restriction on Communist electoral activity on the false grounds of nullifying the right-wing vote-splitting argument would be a retreat and put us at the mercy of the right-wing leadership.

We therefore call on the new Executive Committee to give a firm lead on proposing a large increase in the number of seats contested in the next General Election. It is suggested that our

position should be as in 1950 when we stood 100 candidates: this position must be regained.

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

THE GENERAL ELECTION AND TV

No. 9

That we put up sufficient candidates at the next General Election to enable us to have time on the television.

PELSALL (MIDLANDS)

No. 10

We call on National Congress to instruct the National Executive to carry out a mass campaign including the issuing of a leaflet for mass distribution, as a step towards winning the Labour and Trade Union movement on the right of minority parties to have the right of broadcasting time on radio and television.

LEITH (SCOTLAND)

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

No. 11

It is the duty of the Communist parties of all countries to defend the principles and to carry out the tasks of the 1960 Moscow Statement.

According to this Statement:

"Further exposure of the leaders of Yugoslav revisionists and active struggle to safeguard the Communist movement and the working-class movement from the anti-Leninist ideas of the Yugoslav revisionists, *remain* an essential task of the Marxist-Leninist parties. . . .

"The further development of the Communist and working-class movement calls, as stated in the Moscow Declaration of 1957, for continuing a determined struggle on two fronts—against revisionism *which remains the MAIN danger*, and against dogmatism and sectarianism. . . .

"Dogmatism and sectarianism in theory and practice *can also become the main danger* at some stage of development of individual parties, unless combated unrelentingly."

To fulfil an important task an uncompromising struggle is still to be waged against this "main danger", i.e. revisionism, and thus against the leaders of the L.C.Y., against their friends in the international Communist movement and within our own party.

STRATHCLYDE STUDENTS (SCOTLAND)

No. 12

That the activity of the C.P.G.B. in the struggle for unity in the International Communist Movement has not sufficiently emphasised that the intention of the meeting, when it occurs, of the Communist Parties of the world, is not the expulsion of certain Parties.

SUNDERLAND (NORTH EAST)

No. 13

That Congress instructs the new E.C. to inaugurate full discussion throughout the Communist Party on the problems of the international Communist movement, and to stand by the spirit of the 19 Parties Conference.

SOUTH NORWOOD (LONDON)

No. 14

Believing that the situation in the International Communist Movement is not dealt with adequately in the Draft Political Resolution, Congress considers that the new E.C., whilst not taking up the public polemic, should make a full statement to the Party on our attitude to the problem of how to restore the unity of the movement and should campaign more effectively in the Party for understanding of our support for the 19 Party Conference Communiqué.

COLLIERS WOOD (SURREY)

No. 15

Congress considers that the statements of the Executive Committee, following the 19 Parties Conference, have not helped efforts to develop world Communist unity.

The effect of the line of the E.C. is to give the Chinese Communist Party a right to veto the calling of a world conference of Communist Parties at any time, and regardless of the wishes of the majority of Parties.

It represents an attempt to steer a middle course and assume a position of neutrality.

Our own Party has suffered because of this line. There has been no analysis of the Chinese C.P. policy. There has been virtually no discussion initiated within the Party, and this is one of the factors leading to a decline in the mobilisation of the Party.

Congress calls on the new E.C. to give full support to the policy of the 19 Parties and to initiate a full discussion inside the Party on the fundamental issues involved.

BANSTEAD (SURREY)

No. 16

That we have open discussion in the branches on the polemics in the International Communist Movement with a view to deepening our understanding of Marxism-Leninism.

PELSALL (MIDLANDS)

No. 17

This Congress notes the further achievements of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries in the advance towards Communism, recognises the paramount necessity for the unity of all progressive forces in alliance with the working class and calls for a continuation of the efforts of the Executive Committee in attempting to find a solution to the internal problems of the world Communist Movement.

OXFORD (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

No. 18

This Congress instructs the new Executive Committee to provide for all branches, and to maintain in print, and available in all our bookshops, a pamphlet containing the statements of the Executive Committee on the discussion in the International Communist Movement (mentioned in line 242 of the Political Resolution) and any subsequent statements of the E.C. on this question. It further instructs the new E.C. to ensure that the pamphlet is used as recommended reading in all education classes, and to produce from time to time, as the occasion demands, explanatory articles in *Comment* and *Marxism Today* on the political and theoretical issues involved, so that new members are left in no doubt on the position of the Party on these issues.

MUSWELL HILL (LONDON)

No. 19

Noting that there has been no abatement in the Sino-Soviet dispute, we call upon Congress, in the light of recent developments, to re-open the inner Party discussion on this subject, giving particular attention to the National Liberation Movements.

LEEDS STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

PEACE

No. 20

Congress directs that in the present political situation in the world and in Britain all foreign and domestic political issues must be directly related to the problems of peace or war and our armaments expenditure.

WEST END (LONDON)

No. 21

Congress congratulates the Party at all levels on its consistent and outstanding work and initiative for peace. Partly due to our efforts a new situation exists which makes possible and desirable the building of a larger and more united peace movement. The Communist Party supports all organisations working for peace;

every Party branch should therefore be directly involved in supporting the work of an existing peace organisation or assisting in the formation of one.

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No. 22

Congress considers that American imperialism is the main threat to World Peace, as the instigator and accomplice of the lesser imperialist powers, i.e. Germany and Japan, and in its own right has carried out monstrous crimes against the people of the Congo, Vietnam and Dominica. We feel that peace cannot be assured until U.S. imperialism is destroyed.

STRATHCLYDE STUDENTS (SCOTLAND)

No. 23

The threat to Britain's independence (with U.S. Polaris and rocket bases already here) is now even more dangerous, in view of recent statements by U.S. spokesmen to the effect that they will not allow any Government in other countries to stay in power if that Government is not to their liking.

With this threat in mind, the Party must arouse the patriotism of the people as never before, in a mass movement for the expulsion of all U.S. naval and military forces.

NORTH MITCHAM (SURREY)

No. 24

The 29th Congress of the Communist Party, while congratulating its members on the work that they have done in the struggle for peace, takes note of the slow development of the peace movement, in face of the dangerous tendencies making for world war, and calls for a clarification of the Communist attitude to the peace movement and for a more vigorous policy and for stronger leadership by the leading bodies of the Party. It puts forward the following perspectives:

- (a) To conduct a consistent struggle in the trade unions, the co-operative societies and labour movement organisations, presenting peace policies as matters of vital concern to the progress of the Labour Movement. To urge that greater initiative be taken in the Labour Movement in the campaigning for new policies.
- (b) To adopt a positive attitude to all peace organisations and especially to those which are broadly based and those whose aim is to create a united peace movement.
- (c) To work for a broadly based national campaign 1966/7 uniting all the forces for peace.

Congress states that the responsibility of Communists is to assist the development of a united peace movement with practical help, and to play their part recognised as Communists in the Movement. It rejects the sectarian idea that the main responsibility of the Communist Party is to put its independent policy in the broad organisations, as an idea that is harmful to the development of the Peace Movement and of the Party.

DULWICH AND NUNHEAD (LONDON)

ALGERIA

No. 25

Congress protests against the recent reactionary measures of the Boumedienne regime in Algeria, its imprisoning, torturing and exiling of left-wingers and militants. It condemns its reversals in the nationalised and self-governing section of the economy. It urges the E.C. to organise the widest possible movement for the release of Ben Bella and the defence of the Algerian revolution's achievements.

OXFORD STUDENTS (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

VIETNAM

No. 26

Congress calls on the United Nations to take similar action in Vietnam as they did in the conflict between India and Pakistan,

and call for a cease-fire and the withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam.

LEITH (SCOTLAND)

IMMIGRATION AND RACIALISM

No. 27

In the coming period more emphasis should be given to the recruitment of Commonwealth workers resident in Britain. To this end, special recruiting material should be produced, explaining, in particular, the policy of the Party on immigration and racialism.

WICK, HACKNEY (LONDON)

No. 28

To assist in the integration of adult Commonwealth immigrants into the community, the Party should press for further education facilities expressly for the purpose of developing their technical skills and knowledge of the English language.

WICK, HACKNEY (LONDON)

No. 29

Congress urges the setting up of a commission to report as soon as possible on immigration and racialism with a view to the Party issuing a full policy on these questions.

HANWELL (WEST MIDDLESEX)

No. 30

Recognising that Immigration and Peace are two of the major issues facing the British people at the present time, Congress firstly condemns the Government White Paper on Immigration, and demands its withdrawal. At the same time it instructs the Executive to prepare a statement on its attitude to Immigration control. Secondly, Congress regrets the failure of the Political Resolution to note and analyse the present decline of the Peace Movement. It calls on the Executive to produce a report on the present situation in the Peace Movement, after taking account of full Party discussion.

LEEDS STUDENTS (YORKSHIRE)

No. 31

The proposed Bill on Commonwealth Immigration represents a surrender to the Tory racialists. The discriminatory clauses go against the basic principles of the British Labour Movement, the brotherhood of man.

The statement by 41 Labour M.P.s and 28 candidates "that the fight must go on" made after the vote at their Conference on this Bill, is a clear expression of the opposition within the Labour Party and the Labour Movement.

This Congress warmly supports the stand of all sections of the people who oppose this Bill and calls on all Communists to participate and lead the fight to secure a change in Government policy on Immigration. We further declare that the proposed legislation to deal with racial discrimination in the Race Relations Bill is insufficient. It completely fails to outlaw racialism. It also fails to deal with the problem in the important aspects of housing and employment.

This Congress declares that any immigration policy operated by a British Government based on racial discrimination is contrary to the aspirations of the labour movement and must be rejected by all progressive and liberal minded people.

Racial prejudice can only play into the hands of the employers who constantly strive to divide the workers. It is incumbent on every trade unionist to fight to win united trade union organisation and that we draw our coloured fellow workers into our common struggles.

The progressive forces of mankind are advancing throughout the world. More and more the rate of advance is determined by the unity of workers of all lands. We in Britain must play our part in achieving this aim.

We therefore further declare that the fight to strengthen the proposed legislation must be stepped up.

- We call for support from the Trade Unions at all levels and all other sections of the labour movement.
- We urge support for International Friendship Committees and other similar campaigning organisations.

WEST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

IRISH IN BRITAIN

No. 32

In view of the fact that there are over one million Irish men and women living in Britain and that the policy of the Communist Party is one which must have a strong appeal for them, Congress urges Districts to organise schools and classes on Irish history and our policy for Ireland so that our comrades are equipped to recruit many more thousands of these men and women into our ranks.

BALHAM (LONDON)

INDIA AND PAKISTAN

No. 33

The workers and peasants of India and Pakistan have no interest in slaughtering each other to suit the designs of their ruling classes. The workers and peasants of Kashmir have no interest in being subjected to the interests of the Indian or Pakistani ruling classes.

Nevertheless, the ruling classes of India and Pakistan are determined to pursue a war policy. This is because:

1. they both desire to seize the territory of Kashmir and exploit the Kashmiri people.
2. they are unable to solve the problem of grinding poverty which chokes the economic life of India and Pakistan and renders the lives of hundreds of millions of people on the Indian sub-continent utterly miserable and hopeless. Hence, war diverts the poverty-stricken from their miseries.

But the situation enables the workers and peasants of India and Pakistan to see who their true enemies are: not each other but their respective ruling classes who are driving them to war, fomenting religious differences and exposing the Indian sub-continent to intervention by the imperialist powers. Hence, the class struggle in India and Pakistan is bound to intensify, and Congress calls upon all Party members to explain the situation wherever possible, and to mobilise support for the just struggle of the Indian and Pakistani workers and peasants, as well as for the workers and peasants of Kashmir whose desire it is to free themselves from oppression and achieve self-determination.

CHALVEY (WEST MIDDLESEX)

SOVIET JEWRY

No. 34

Congress congratulates the E.C. on the speed with which it reacted to the publication in the U.S.S.R. of a booklet containing anti-semitic passages. It welcomes the recent nation-wide Soviet newspaper editorial stressing the necessity of a Leninist attitude towards the Jews and other minorities in the U.S.S.R.

Congress is concerned, however, at the lack of rights and facilities for Soviet Jews compared to those of, for example, Poland. It therefore instructs the E.C. to enquire into the failure of the Soviet Government fully to "rehabilitate" the Jews, as it has other minorities which suffered under Stalin, and to restore to them the institutions which they had before their unjust suppression in the post-war period.

OXFORD STUDENTS (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

No. 35

Congress affirms the principle of the right to religious and cultural freedom of expression and of the material facilities necessary thereto.

In this connection, it notes with concern criticisms made by

prominent individuals in the international Communist and general peace and progressive movements of the attitude of the Soviet Union to the religious and cultural requirements of its Jewish minority.

Congress therefore calls on the National Executive to approach the Soviet Government with a view to obtaining either a satisfactory rebuttal of such criticisms or, where they may be valid, an assurance that their causes will be removed as speedily as possible.

PRESTWICH (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

50th ANNIVERSARY OF RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

No. 36

Congress instructs the new Executive Committee to make adequate preparations to greet the 50th Anniversary of the winning of working class power in a single country, in a manner truly worthy of such a great occasion.

This anniversary will be celebrated as Socialism reaches new heights in its march to outstrip capitalism, as imperialism reaches new depths defending its decadence. It will be celebrated as we prepare for our next Congress and as questioning of Social Democracy becomes deeper, sharper and more urgent.

It will be the occasion for fundamental examination and ideological debate amongst millions of workers and oppressed peoples all over the world.

It is therefore essential that our Party should work to ensure that the maximum advantage accrues from this circumstance and that new positive efforts are made to rally and unite the Communists of the world on the basis of the 1957 and 1960 declarations.

SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

THE BRITISH ROAD TO SOCIALISM

No. 37

Our existing Party Programme, "The British Road to Socialism", is incorrect in many formulations and conclusions.

There are open disagreements with many points by a large number of comrades, and there are grave doubts in the minds of many other comrades over important sections of the Programme. These disagreements and doubts have been building up since our last Congress, as historical events have exposed the incorrectness of the Programme, and as more and more comrades compare it with fundamental Marxist-Leninist principles.

The position can only be resolved on the basis of another fundamental Marxist-Leninist principle, namely that of rigorous self-criticism.

The Party Rules emphasise that "the Communist Party bases itself on the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism" and therefore we demand a Party Programme which clearly and unreservedly reflects this Party Rule.

The "British Road" has not only revised Marxism-Leninism, but has openly contradicted it, and cannot be accepted as a Programme.

Therefore we demand that Congress shall instruct the new E.C. to make it a priority job to arrange for a full reassessment of the "British Road" at all levels of the Party in a completely democratic manner.

BRISTOL SOUTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

No. 38

This Congress calls on the Executive to revise and clarify the "British Road to Socialism" in view of changes in the political situation, which have made many facts out of date, and in view of the current discussions in the Party. It also asks the Executive, in the revision, to put increased emphasis on neo-colonialism and racialism.

NORTH ISLINGTON (LONDON)

THE ATTACK UPON THE TRADE UNIONS

No. 39

Congress condemns the present Labour Government proposals for an "early warning" system for all wage claims as a grave and unprecedented blow to the trade unions. It will rob them of their most cherished right, that of free and unfettered wage negotiations. It is an action the Tories have not dared to take, but will be seized by them should they be returned to power. It is put forward without any measures for further public ownership or to reduce the powers of the monopolists. It is a confession that the Incomes Policy itself, despite the formal majorities for it, has already proved to be a failure in its aim of keeping back the level of wage increases. The trade unions, backed by the entire strength of the working class movement, must go into action to ensure the defeat of this proposed reactionary legislation.

WOODBERRY DOWN (LONDON)

No. 40

This Congress expresses its 100% solidarity with all sections of the Labour and progressive movement in its rejection of the attacks on the Trade Union movement. A concerted drive by the monopolists to undermine the freedom of action of Trade Unions and shop stewards is now well under way.

The declared policy of the Tory Party for legal action against the trade unions is a clear danger signal to all trade unionists of what the Tories would do if they were ever returned to power. The statements of the Prime Minister attacking Shop Stewards as wreckers, the Royal Commission on Trade Unions set up by Ray Gunter, Minister of Labour, can only be deplored and seen as attacks on trade unionists working in very difficult circumstances. These attacks have encouraged the Tories to go very much further than they have hitherto dared in threatening anti-Trade Union legislation, which was a feature of this year's Tory Conference.

We reject the Government policy which attempts to interfere in the free bargaining of wages and conditions, because its main purpose is to hold back working people from making any advance. The setting up of a Committee under the chairmanship of a representative of British monopoly to enquire into the reasons for disputes in the motor car industry can only be seen as further attempts to intimidate militant trade unionism. The freedom of the trade union movement from government interference is fundamental to the struggle of the working class, to defend and advance living standards for the defeat of monopoly capitalism and the winning of Socialism in Britain.

MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No. 41

The new situation which is developing between the Government and the unions constitutes a serious threat to the freedom of action of the working class in their efforts to maintain and improve their standard of living.

It is our duty to do all in our power to halt this development, let our slogan be, "Hands off the Unions".

BIRKENHEAD (LANCS)

No. 42

This Congress of C.P.G.B. is gravely concerned at the developments taking place in which the Government seeks to control, by legislation, the Trade Unions and their right to free collective bargaining.

We call upon the Executive to initiate a broad campaign, involving the whole of the labour movement, to rally opposition to, and defeat, the attempt to limit the rights of Trade Unions and Shop Stewards to freely negotiate on wages.

AYLESBURY (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

TRADE UNION POLICY

No. 43

This Congress welcomes the Declaration of Dissent by five technical unions, and notes with satisfaction that political awareness is emerging among these hitherto largely unorganised workers. Congress declares that equal attention should be given to both manual and non-manual workers in the future.

BRENTWOOD (SOUTH ESSEX)

NATIONALISATION

No. 44

The word "Nationalisation" is widely understood to mean government control of an industry within the capitalist system, in order to run it more efficiently and rationally in the public interest, and often because it has been allowed to run down under private ownership.

Massive compensation is paid to former owners, and men of capitalist ideology are a majority of the controlling board.

We therefore believe that in its place the term "Social ownership" should be used in *all* party literature. This term accurately describes the organisation of major industries for which our Party stands, and the non-Party reader will be less likely to confuse our Party's ideas with those of former British governments.

BRISTOL NORTH EAST (WEST OF ENGLAND)

No. 45

In view of the vast amount of interest paid to shareholders who paid not a penny for some of their shares we consider that the issuing of such shares could be used as an avenue of escape if sufficient pressure is exerted to force rises in interest on shares to be braked, as is suggested with wages. We feel that such shares, given after a determined date (say since the end of the last war) should be taken over by the government and the interest paid on them used for replacing obsolete machinery and in giving to those who produce, a fairer share of their labour's product.

STRETFORD (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

INDUSTRIAL INJURIES

No. 46

It should be the right of anyone suffering an injury whilst at work to have their wages made up to their normal earnings by the employer until they are fit to resume work or until a claim is settled. An enquiry should be held into the settlement of such accident claims to try to establish a standard figure for certain injuries and eliminate the need for Court procedure. The Government should also make adequate provision for testing new industrial processes in order to prevent diseases arising such as the incidence of cancer of the bladder among workers in the rubber industry.

HOUNSLOW (WEST MIDDLESEX)

MILLING AND BAKING INDUSTRIES

No. 47

Based on the ever-growing monopolisation and integration of both related industries, by the same giant firms, and in the interests of the public and the working class in particular; nationalisation of both industries becomes imperative, and should be part of the policy of our Party.

GRAFTON AND GOSPEL OAK (LONDON)

AGRICULTURAL POLICY

No. 48

This Congress, being aware of big changes taking place in the countryside and villages owing to shifts in population and industry, changes in agriculture, drastic modification of the transport system and developments in social services, calls on

the in-coming Executive Committee to make a study of these problems so that comrades in the countryside and rural branches can play their part in fighting for the best conditions for country people and healthy development of our villages and country towns.

OXFORD COUNTRY (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

No. 49

This Congress protests at the failure of the Labour Government to carry out its pledge in relation to the tied cottage system. It calls for immediate legislation as promised to ensure that evictions do not take place without suitable alternative accommodation being available.

OXFORD COUNTRY (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

No. 50

The fullest possible use be made of agriculture to provide for the needs of the people. The public ownership of land and the setting up of Co-operative groups to ensure the use of the most modern machinery to end once and for all the tied cottage system and bring in line with other industries wages and conditions for farm workers.

BASINGSTOKE (HANTS AND DORSET)

POLICY FOR TRANSPORT

No. 51

That this Congress denounces the continued policy of Railway Workshop and Line closures.

Congress declares that all such closures must be immediately halted and that the Government should reverse the Beeching Anti-nationalisation policies.

These criminal policies must be replaced by a plan for a socialist integrated transport service.

Only in this way can the interests of the nation be served in transport as against the destruction, plunder and rape of our national assets by private monopoly interests.

DARLINGTON (NORTH EAST)

No. 52

This Congress requests the Executive to collect the material for and to draw up a national transport policy for the late sixties and seventies.

MANCHESTER STUDENTS (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

FUEL AND POWER

No. 53

While agreeing that the fight for 200 million tons of coal annually for Britain is correct, in the interests of the Scottish Economy as a whole, the target of 15 million tons for Scotland must be defined in our policies and fought for.

WHITRIGG-POLKEMMET (SCOTLAND)

No. 54

The present economic situation in Britain calls for the development of a national fuel and power plan, as vital to sound economic development, not merely in the interests of the mining industry. Such a plan should be based upon clearly established needs and the perspective of industrial development and increased production, with the part to be played by the mining industry as a source of fuel and power, along with electricity, oil, and nuclear energy, all related together in an overall national plan. This is needed to end the present position in which the mining industry lacks planning, purpose or perspective. To demand a fuel and power national plan cannot be left only to the miners. It must be taken up by the whole labour movement, and the support of the people won, to compel this government to act, as a matter of urgency on this issue.

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No. 55

This Congress calls upon this Labour Government to take immediate steps to stop the wild scramble by monopolist

interests (foreign and home) for the fuel reserves of the North Sea and by nationalisation of its resources see that they are used to enrich the lives of the British people.

LEISTON (EAST ANGLIA)

No. 56

Britain has an abundance of coal, her only indigenous fuel, yet whereas demands for energy continuously expand, coal production is being further contracted, the increased energy demand being met by oil. This arises, not from any advantage in fuel technique of oil over coal, but because of the colonialist profits derived from oil, the interests of the oil monopolists taking preference over those of the nation.

The value of the publicly-owned mining industry is being forced down, no new pits being sunk and productive collieries being closed. The social and human costs to the mining communities have been disastrous. To maintain the colonial plunder of oil, young British servicemen are called upon to serve overseas, the consequent military expenditure forming a burden on all taxpayers.

Instead of the use of our native coal for the electrification of our railways, Diesel trains are developed. Likewise, oil is given preference over coal as fuel for the gas and electricity industries.

This growth in the use of oil adds to Britain's insecurity, with so much of her industry dependent on foreign imported fuel. It is also a major factor in her balance of payments difficulties. The insanity of this policy must be reversed.

A fuel policy co-ordinating the supply of all fuel to Britain's energy needs is necessary, but that fuel policy must be based on the maximum expansion of Britain's native mining industry until such times as the introduction of other indigenous fuels may make it unnecessary.

Towards that end, Congress calls for a public campaign exposing the imperialist sabotage of the publicly-owned mining industry, intent on winning the support of the Labour and Trade Union Movement for a National Fuel Policy centred around the highest possible exploitation of our coal reserves, sinking new collieries, ending all closures of productive pits and developing the maximum productive capacity of the industry.

KENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No. 57

This Congress requests the Executive to collect the material for and to draw up a national fuel and power policy for the late sixties and seventies.

MANCHESTER STUDENTS (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

No. 58

This Congress condemns the policy of the Government in relation to the coal industry. Coal is Britain's most important raw material, yet the industry is being sacrificed in the interests of the giant oil combines. Pits are being closed at an alarming rate and the number of workers in the industry has declined by 210,000 since 1947. Yet, the National Economic Plan envisages a further contraction, with manpower being reduced by a further 175,000 in the next five years. We warn of the consequences of this policy which is against the interests of our country.

We demand a complete change of Government policy. Pit closures should be halted except where reserves are exhausted. A National Fuel Policy should be introduced which would:

- guarantee an annual output of 200 million tons a year, rising by 10 million tons a year to 250 million tons.
- the nationalisation of oil refining.
- enable the Coal Board to handle coal distribution and the manufacture of mining machinery.
- step up research into new uses for coal.
- develop the Lurgi process for producing gas from coal.

There should be a further easing of the heavy interest charges on the industry. The first charge of the industry should be the

wages and welfare of the miners and a new charter should be adopted that would greatly improve the wages, hours, working conditions and welfare of the men who work in the pits.

We believe the miners are justified in taking the strongest action to save their industry and their jobs. We declare our full support for them in their struggle and call on the whole of the Labour movement to do likewise. Britain's miners have played a leading and honourable role in the history of the movement. They have a right to all the support that can be given by other sections of the movement. Apart from this, it is in the long term interests of the people of this country to maintain a healthy and developing coal industry.

EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

LOANS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

No. 59

Conference demands that the Government implement immediately the promise in their Election Programme, that loans to Local Authorities should be made available at a low rate of interest through the Public Works Loans Board and we suggest the rate to be no more than 2%.

Many increases have taken place since the last election, as a consequence of this broken promise and we therefore demand subsidies to be paid to those Authorities, who due to deficits in their housing revenue account have had to take this step, such subsidy to be back-dated to January 1965.

WYTHENSHAW (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

HOUSING AND RENTS

No. 60

Congress calls on the new E.C. to initiate and carry through an immediate campaign to expose the commonly held view that the Protection from Eviction Act has prevented landlords from getting tenants out and that the New Rent Act will bring back Rent Control. We believe that this is an essential part of our work in presenting our alternative policy for the building of more council dwellings, lower interest rates and increased subsidies.

STREATHAM (LONDON)

No. 61

Whilst welcoming the partial restoration of the rights of security of tenure to private tenants, Congress resolves to fight for the full restoration of those rights and their extension to cover council tenants.

LEEDS CENTRAL (YORKSHIRE)

No. 62

The Government has called a halt to any further building of office blocks in the Great London Area, and in other parts of the country. However, many of these stand empty. Also other buildings such as disused cinemas and large houses stand empty. Some of these are being bought up by private property developers and the sites used for luxury building.

Therefore, this Congress calls on the Executive Committee to prepare a detailed case for the Government to authorise Local Authorities to take over empty office blocks, unused cinemas and other suitable premises, as an immediate next step to provide buildings urgently needed for housing the homeless, the extension of the social services and the provision of more amenities for the people to use in their leisure time.

This would assist the Party organisations in the localities to lead a campaign on this question in their own areas.

HAYES SOUTH (WEST MIDDLESEX)

No. 63

That this branch calls for the nationalisation of land, and the building industry, to enable the realisation of a building programme as set out in the Party's draft resolution, and that

material setting out our policies in regard to the housing problem be given wider publicity by our Party branches.

GORBALS (SCOTLAND)

MEANS TEST

No. 64

That the Party approach to the Means Test should be reviewed in view of social changes since the 1930's.

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

ROAD ACCIDENTS

No. 65

This Congress calls on the E.C. to prepare and publicise a comprehensive policy whose implementation will check and greatly reduce the terrible growth of fatal and serious injuries caused in road accidents in this country. At the present rate of incidence, such accidents will kill or injure some 10 million British people of the present generation during the coming 30 years and this clearly represents a most urgent national social question. Such a Party policy should be based on the widest consultation with motorists, drivers and road-users throughout the motoring and general public.

MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

DEMOCRACY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

No. 66

This Congress draws attention to the declining quality of local government and declares that public control over the entire field of administration and the social services should be extended through democratic elective processes.

We are opposed to any limitation of elected authority, including proposals for city managers, etc., as now suggested. We call for a comprehensive system of local and regional councils elected by the people, covering all the main needs of their areas. Such changes will necessitate a massive increase in expenditure, not least for the establishment of first-class personnel to staff the local authorities.

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

YOUTH AND THE Y.C.L.

No. 67

The Branch urges Congress to pay more attention to the issues of young people, their problems and the Y.C.L., more than is indicated by the three lines allotted to the Y.C.L. in the Draft Resolution.

1. Concentrate more on the campaigning around the problems concerning youth, i.e. (sports facilities, education, housing, etc.).
2. Assisting the Y.C.L. with more than words.
3. More Marxist education aimed at young people in a bold colourful style.

WYTHENSHAW (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

No. 68

Now that young people are maturing at a so much earlier age, marrying younger and having families while very young, we call upon the National Executive to discuss with the Y.C.L. leadership some change in the maximum age for Y.C.L. membership. We suggest that when a Y.C.L. member reaches 24 years of age he or she should be transferred to Party membership to work in a Party branch, except in cases where a comrade remains in the Y.C.L. for purposes of leadership.

BRISTOL NORTH (WEST OF ENGLAND)

No. 69

Congress reaffirms the 27th Congress Resolution on the Communist Party and Young People and draws the attention of the Executive Committee, District Committees and branches

particularly to the resolution's recommendations on practical assistance to the Y.C.L.

BECKENHAM AND PENG (KENT)

No. 70

That Congress instructs the new Executive Committee to investigate the problems of youth with a view to strengthening and building the Y.C.L. to take a greater mass role in the leadership of youth.

ANFIELD (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

No. 71

That Congress instructs the new Executive Committee to investigate a medium for communicating Socialist Principles to the 5 to 14 year age group and the possibility of the reformation of the Young Pioneers.

ANFIELD (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

THE "DAILY WORKER"

No. 72

That all full-time *Daily Worker* sales representatives are accepted as full members of District Committees so that every help is given in raising the circulation of the paper.

BOLTON (LANCS)

No. 73

Congress affirms that it is of vital importance to the development and growth of our Party that all possible ways of increasing the circulation of the *Daily Worker* are considered. As one of the ways of gaining more publicity for the *Daily Worker* this Congress asks the advertising department to explore further all possible media including "pirate" radio stations such as Radio Caroline.

THURROCK INDUSTRIAL (SOUTH ESSEX)

No. 74

Congress reaffirms that more attention should be given at area and district level to increase sales of the *Daily Worker* and Communist Party publications. Every District, Area and Branch should attempt to have a comrade specifically responsible for *Daily Worker* sales.

PARTICK (SCOTLAND)

No. 75

This Congress recognise that the fundamental basis on which a mass Communist Party can be built and a unified Left in the Labour Movement created, is a mass circulation of the *Daily Worker*. Congress therefore instructs the E.C. to:

1. Initiate a publicity campaign around the *Daily Worker* and to undertake a detailed check to ensure that every member is a *Daily Worker* reader. The aim should be "Every member, every militant and every progressive a *Daily Worker* reader".
2. Every Party organisation makes the *Daily Worker* the central feature of its public and electoral propaganda work with responsible comrades in charge at all levels.

FALKIRK (SCOTLAND)

PROPAGANDA AND MODERN METHODS

No. 76

This Party, along with the campaign to build the *Daily Worker*, and greatly to increase mass sales of our literature, needs to extend our public activity in all forms, with wider use of leaflets, and electoral campaigning too. One weakness is that too little propaganda activity, particularly at factory and pit gates, is carried out. This Congress calls on all Districts to make a more determined effort on this front, and asks the Press and Publicity department to take this up more with District leaderships, to consider the possibilities of reverting to past practice of a national speakers' panel, and the allocation of speakers, at times, to Districts for propaganda meetings.

NORTH EAST DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No. 77

We recognise that the ruling class use all the most modern methods of market research, image projection and psychologically-based technique of mass-communication and persuasion. Therefore, we must understand and adapt these methods, so that we no longer use nineteenth century tools in a twentieth century struggle.

WEST LONDON STUDENTS

No. 78

The Executive should experiment to see if market research techniques can help us put over our policy with the maximum effect and isolate those points about the Communist Party which are not understood by the general public. More effort should be made to seek the views of the rank and file of the Party at all times.

STROUD GREEN (LONDON)

No. 79

In view of the reference at the beginning of the Draft Resolution "The Future of the Social Services" to this being an age of unparalleled advance in science and technology, and our claim to being a modern progressive party we suggest the use of Roman numerals in all Party publications should cease forthwith.

OLD SWAN (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

No. 80

This Congress believes that, in order to attract more members, the Communist Party needs to improve its image. Much may be learnt from our comrades in other capitalist countries who are beating the capitalists at their own game by using one of the weapons from their armoury. Although we may dislike many aspects of modern advertising, nevertheless, under the present system, an attractive image sells the article, but even more important than this is a feeling conveyed by the advertisement that the prospective customer is abnormal if he or she does not comply. The general public image of the communist is the one put by the Tory-controlled press, radio and television, which is that the communist is abnormal. In order to counteract this effect and to stimulate recruiting we therefore propose that the Party should run a poster campaign depicting living communists shown with their wives or husbands and families and with a simple caption "We are Communists", such as the poster issued by the Communist Party of France.

ASHFORD (KENT)

No. 81

It is necessary to recognise that more works in such fields as philosophy and literature are required to provide the socialist alternative to the capitalist mode of life, e.g. "The Challenge of Marxism".

We need more socialist works on art and culture in order to gain a total view of the problems of man, and we ask the Executive Committee to investigate ways and means of encouraging the publications of new novels.

NORTH DAGENHAM (SOUTH ESSEX)

No. 82

That in view of the difficulty which faces the Communist Party in getting time on radio and television, the E.C. shall set up a broadcasting station similar to those operated by Radio Caroline, Radio London, etc. That is, it shall put out popular entertainment along with small snippets of news.

LOUGHTON (SOUTH ESSEX)

No. 83

Congress instructs the new E.C. to try to produce more material like "A World of Difference" designed to show not simply the iniquities of capitalism but most important the infinitely better life which socialism in Britain would bring.

HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

No. 84

We recommend Congress to instruct the E.C. to investigate further improved format in all party publications and leaflets.

HIGHFIELDS, NOTTINGHAM (EAST MIDLANDS)

PARTY LITERATURE

No. 85

The increasing amount of discussion going on in the Labour Movement as a result of the experience of Labour Government and the campaigning of our Party is a welcome feature of current political life.

Books by Marxists and about Marxism are in greater demand. The old myths about Communism are losing their grip, and there is a greater readiness to talk about our policy and to discuss the full range of Marxist ideas.

Events in this country and throughout the world are forcing people to change their attitudes and to look at the new ideas, Marxist ideas.

In this situation our journals, pamphlets and books have a crucial role to play in presenting not only Marxist classics but also new materials giving a Marxist interpretation of current problems.

The E.C. and all comrades responsible are to be congratulated on the high quality of literature produced, both in its content and in form. It stands comparison with the best.

The generally low sales for our literature, however, limit the range of material we can produce as well imposing an extra financial burden on the Party.

Good sales by individual members and branches are achieved, but it is exceptional if a mass pamphlet achieves more than a 25,000 sale. Too few of our members see our literature, many branches handle no more than orders for periodicals.

A more imaginative approach to the selling of literature is needed if we are to reach the people who will buy it. In particular we suggest the following:

Individual members and branches to take standard parcels of assorted books and pamphlets on S.O.R. terms.

A literature exhibition to visit branches.

A regular national bulletin of sales experiences for literature organisers.

New publicity for the Progressive Book Club.

Consideration of a sales bonus or award to branches and individuals selling more than a certain value of literature in a certain period.

SOUTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

PARTY EDUCATION

No. 86

This Congress endorses the Political Committee Resolution on Communist Party Education, and the 1965-66 Education Plan. It congratulates the E.C. on the limited advances of the past two years, especially in the training of Branch leaderships.

However, if our Party is to fulfil its role of carrying Socialist ideas into the working class and progressive movement, our members need to be far better equipped with Marxism-Leninism than at present.

Congress therefore asks the Party at all levels, branch, area, district, and nationally, to examine its work as to whether the education of our comrades occupies its full and rightful place. The achievement of a correct balance between theory and practice can enormously assist in overcoming the complex problems raised by the political situation today.

EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No. 87

This Congress regrets that insufficiently sustained efforts have been made by the E.C. to develop Marxist education within and outside the Branches. It calls therefore for:

- The formation of a small team of E.C. members responsible nationally for such education.
- The calling of a bi-annual conference on the subject as well as District and Area Conferences.
- A regular series of articles and discussions on Marxist Education, Problems and Experiences in *Comment* and *Marxism Today*.

WOOD GREEN (LONDON)

No. 88

Congress calls on new E.C. to immediately implement a policy on the development of cadres.

Districts should be asked to put forward their plans for development of this work. Regular checks to be made on how this is being carried out.

Many branches are in a weak state owing to lack of comrades able or willing to take on branch responsibilities. Full-time workers are overloaded, there not being enough of them, consequently this tends to encourage bad methods of working—driving and exhorting instead of helpful encouragement.

Fuller discussion needs to be arranged on the Report of the Committee on Party Organisation, as this report did not deal at all adequately with this problem of cadres.

PARK AND BRUCE GROVE (LONDON)

No. 89

Congress, while congratulating the Executive Committee on its efforts in the field of Marxist education, since last Congress, calls on the new Executive Committee to intensify these efforts particularly at branch level and in relation to new members.

WEST CALDER (SCOTLAND)

No. 90

We deplore the fact that in spite of previous resolutions, the Party has failed to stimulate and help branch political education, and in view of the urgent battles ahead, asks the E.C. immediately to take all steps to check on branch education and to further it.

BROADSTAIRS (KENT)

No. 91

Congress endorses the national programme of Marxist education and calls on all branches to participate and campaign persistently to increase the discussion of basic Marxist themes and the personal study of Marxism, especially by young people.

SURREY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No. 92

The Exchange Branch suggests to the Central Education Department that future Branch Officers' Schools should set some time aside within the school for a "mock" branch procedure. i.e. Election of Branch Officers, etc., and to deal with problems, activity and discussion that faces the average Party branch nationally. We feel that in this way comrades will gain greater understanding in a practical way of the role of branch committees and the function of branch officers.

EXCHANGE (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

DISCUSSION IN THE PARTY

No. 93

This branch believes that much more political discussion is needed in the Party, especially at such times that circumstances necessitate a change of policy. It urges the new E.C. to take steps to organise at all levels, open discussion on the big issues facing the Party, and that when changes of policy are needed, a full explanation for the change be given in our press and discussed in the branches.

BARNET (LONDON)

THE HISTORY OF THE PARTY

No. 94

Congress censures the E.C. for its failure, despite repeated promises at every subsequent Congress, to issue a history of the Party which could be the basis for discussion and provide important lessons for our work.

It strongly criticises the E.C. for by-passing the Commission appointed to draft the history, the failure to issue after nine years one single one of the drafts which it was originally envisaged should be brought out on different periods of the Party's history for discussion and the hammering out of common estimates, and the entrusting of the whole of the enormous work involved to one comrade on whom (despite ill-health) a number of other tasks have also devolved.

It instructs the E.C. to re-establish a Commission responsible for preparing the history, putting out drafts for discussion and ensuring subsequent publication. It instructs the new E.C. to publish within three months, in consultation with this Commission, schedules for the issuing of such drafts and a date for the publication of the history from the foundation of the Party to date. Pending its appearance and as part of the preparatory work, it instructs the E.C. to organise conferences for the discussion and estimation of important periods in the Party's history.

NORTH LEWISHAM (LONDON)

COMMITTEE ON PARTY ORGANISATION

No. 95

We call upon the new Executive Committee to implement all recommendations of the committee which dealt with Party Organisation at the earliest possible opportunity.

GATESHEAD (NORTH EAST)

FACTORY BRANCHES

No. 96

Congress reaffirms that the formation of many more factory branches is essential to the development and growth of our Party. Congress places particular attention on the many thousands of unorganised women in industry and pledges every effort to recruit women into the trade unions and our Party.

THURROCK INDUSTRIAL (SOUTH ESSEX)

No. 97

In pursuit of the programme of the British Road to Socialism, this Congress calls for a prolonged campaign to build many factory branches of the Party, which are essential for the development of the full power of the working class and in order to defeat the constant attacks being made upon the trade union movement.

OXFORD (SOUTH MIDLANDS)

No. 98

That Congress call a National Meeting of Factory Branches.

FRIARS, COVENTRY (MIDLANDS)

No. 99

Based on our experience of the difficulties of politically activating our factory branches we wish to propose that members of factory branches should also be officially considered as members of their residential area branch, thus creating a useful link between area and factory which could draw factory members more fully into Party life.

FALKIRK (SCOTLAND)

No. 100

That this Congress reaffirms the need for the expansion of factory groups, and the need for better liaison between ward and factory branches and for a more political content in factory branches.

EAST WOOLWICH (LONDON)

COMMISSION ON PARTY GROWTH

No. 101

This branch requests that a Commission be set up to examine the subjective factors which have limited the Party's growth in numbers and influence in recent years as this branch is critical of the general lack of objective analysis of our own record, as exemplified by lines 603-610 of p. XII of the Draft Political Resolution and also in the Report of the Committee on Party Organisation.

NORTH FINCHLEY AND FRIERN BARNET (LONDON)

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

No. 102

That the Party continue to re-register all members annually and that a place be allocated in the Party card for the signature of all members, both new and re-registering.

BEXLEY (KENT)

MONEY RAISING ACTIVITIES AND FINANCE

No. 103

In view of the vital role of finance in the building of the Communist Party in this present day and age it is imperative that the E.C. re-assess its attitude toward the raising of money. We call upon this Conference to instruct the E.C. to explore and develop new methods of augmenting Party funds.

That branches become more involved in the sale of goods offered by the *Daily Worker* market. That more social activities be encouraged which will stimulate Party funds.

That the E.C. give serious consideration to the opening of retail shops or other commercial undertakings at District or Branch level wherever the opportunities exist.

BLACKPOOL AND FLEETWOOD (LANCS AND CHESHIRE)

FINANCE

No. 104

Believing that the future development of the Party will depend upon an enormous improvement in Party finances we call on the Executive Committee to undertake a very full investigation of present and future resources in order to ensure:

- that full-time Party workers are paid at highly skilled rates (and are not dependent upon subsidy and perquisites);
- that full-time party workers enjoy a pensions scheme commensurate with similar skilled workers.
- that the party is technically equipped with the most modern publicity equipment and techniques;
- that larger reserves are built up for premises, publicity and elections.

FOREST HILL (LONDON)

No. 105

The above Branch ask Congress to review the dues position and amount, to the possible satisfaction of meeting the financial needs of the Party.

EAST KILBRIDE (SCOTLAND)

WAGES OF FULL-TIME WORKERS

No. 106

Congress strongly endorses the declared intention of the previous E.C. to raise the level of wages of full-time Party workers to that of average male earnings in industry and endorses the recommendation of the Committee on Party Organisation that this shall be done by 1968. So that this can have some prospect of being achieved, Congress instructs the Political Committee which will be carrying on up to the first meeting of the new E.C. to take immediate action to introduce substantial wage increases as from January 1st, 1966.

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

PARTY PREMISES

No. 107

We recommend Congress to instruct the E.C. to investigate the possibility of wider use of party premises, where these exist, for social functions such as dances as well as political meetings, and that branches should be recommended to arrange more social activities.

HIGHFIELDS, NOTTINGHAM (EAST MIDLANDS)

No. 108

This Congress calls on the new E.C. to instruct areas of the C.P. to set up a special fund for premises so as to more fully popularise the policy and activities of the Party.

HACKNEY (LONDON)

ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON POLICY

No. 109

This Congress calls upon the Executive Committee and District Committees to find more talent for the industrial advisory committees and for the non-industrial advisory committees so that their work can be improved and they can act as a major source of new ideas within the Party.

BRENTWOOD (SOUTH ESSEX)

No. 110

This branch asks that more attention should be given to the work of the Advisory sub-committees of the Party, and serious consideration given to strengthening them. Further it is felt that, from time to time, study groups to include non-party sympathisers if possible should be sponsored by the Advisory sub-committees to help them in their work.

NORTH FINCHLEY AND FRIERN BARNET (LONDON)

PARTY DECISIONS

No. 111

National Congress is of the opinion that when decisions are made by any Party Committee then these decisions must be implemented with the utmost discipline.

Where decisions are not carried out then those concerned should demand reasons for the failure from these Committees.

FINSBURY (LONDON)

DATE OF NATIONAL CONGRESS

No. 112

This Congress recognises that due to the shift in the date of the National Congress, the range of comrades available for election as delegates has been considerably narrowed. Experience has shown that many of our comrades found that they were unable to be considered as delegates because of their type of work or employer, e.g. teachers or industrial workers where the employers were conducting a campaign against militants.

This Congress feels that Party democracy is best served when the maximum number of comrades have the opportunity to be considered as delegates for Congress and calls for a return to the practice of holding the Congress at Easter.

SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No. 113

This Congress deplores the methods used by the E.C. to ascertain the feeling of Party members on its decision to change the date of Congress from Easter to November. It calls on the new E.C. to instigate a proper discussion of this matter through the normal democratic channels of our Party.

HYDE PARK, LEEDS (YORKSHIRE)

No. 114

All future National Congresses shall be held at Easter, as has been customary until now.

We believe that the transfer of Congress from Easter to November prevents it from reflecting the working-class and industrial base of the Party, as many comrades, particularly those most active in industry, are unable to get time off to enable

them to attend Congress on ordinary working days. There is also the possibility of victimisation. The change of date also places additional financial burdens on the Party.

We believe that ensuring the most representative Congress is of supreme importance and that no other issue, electoral or otherwise, can be weighed against it. The recent weakness in our industrial work, acknowledged in the Draft Political Resolution, makes this all the more important.

We do not accept that an Easter Congress damages our electoral work. On the contrary, we believe that the discussion before and during Congress is a stimulus. The public presentation of our policy at Congress is also of assistance in electoral campaigning.

CENTRAL AND PRIORITY (LONDON)

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No. 115

This Congress considers the Political Committee should include a number of comrades not involved in full-time Party work.

WEST LONDON STUDENTS

No. 116

In view of past recent happenings of the resignation of comrades in high executive positions from the Party this Stevenage branch of the Communist Party considers it of the utmost importance that before comrades are elected to the Executive Committee due regard should be paid to the opinion of their branches and their fellow industrial workers.

STEVENAGE (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

No. 117

We feel that the Political Resolution is irresolute and indecisive for bringing the Party into vital activity immediately, and should be replaced or supplemented by a short resolution setting out the difficulties of the political situation for the Party, and the immediate steps necessary to change and advance the political atmosphere.

WADDON (CROYDON, SURREY)

No. 118

This branch considers that unless the Draft Resolution on the Social Services and the Draft Political Resolution are reformulated to avoid their present imprecision, they cannot form a guide to action which will help the membership of the Party work with more success for a Socialist Britain.

TUFNELL (LONDON)

No. 119

This Congress considers that the way in which the main Draft Resolutions are put before members must be better suited to stimulation of discussion on policy and resultant reinforcement or amendment. This might involve changes such as publishing separately a political report and a list of short resolutions crystallising the conclusions in the report, but further suggestions from branches and committees of the Party should be obtained by the E.C. in time for next Congress both on the form of draft resolutions and on the most effective methods of improving our review of policy before Congresses.

CORBY (SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS)

No. 120

That the procedure for political discussion at future Congresses be amended to provide for a report rather than a resolution from the E.C., with provision for branch resolutions to be debated individually or in composite form and voted on in the course of the debate on the political report.

NORTH LEWISHAM (LONDON)

No. 121

The Draft Political Resolution was considered to be inadequate, vague and contradictory on a number of issues, particularly as regards the following points:

1. The causes and extent of the crisis of British capitalist

economy are not adequately developed, particularly regarding its dependence on international finance, nor is any serious attempt made to distinguish between and relate the national and international aspects of the crisis and its economic and political consequences.

2. Throughout the Document the Draft Resolution fails to take account of the historical role of social democracy. Thus it repeatedly refers to "Right" and "Left" and "Balance of forces" in the labour movement, meaningless and indefinable terms when unrelated to Marxism. This results in blurring and distorting the direction of the ideological struggle and has resulted in giving undue significance to expressions of opinion with a "left" label which subsequently become dissipated and ineffective. Without such an analysis, to speak of unity of the labour movement is only a vague aspiration.
3. By failing to isolate American imperialism as the main enemy of the international working class and movement for national liberation the Draft Political Resolution reduces the concept of peaceful coexistence to an argument in favour of the maintenance of the status quo between the major nuclear powers.
4. Similarly, a failure to emphasise the capitalist class as the main enemy of the workers within Britain has resulted in a weakening of Party organisation and influence in the factories and trade unions, to which there is little or no reference in the Draft Political Resolution, and to an undue reliance being placed on electoral activities.

The Branch considered, further, that the fundamental division of opinion in the international movement should be treated in a separate resolution which should provide a fresh review of the issues involved and not merely give a blanket endorsement to the actions hitherto taken by our own leadership.

In view of the above considerations this Branch considered that nothing short of redrafting the Political Resolution would suffice to make possible the presentation of an acceptable and realisable policy and asks that the Draft Political Resolution be referred back to a Commission of fifteen members to be elected by Congress to draft a new Political Resolution, such new Draft Resolution to be submitted to a specially summoned Conference within twelve months from the date of this 29th National Congress.

BLANDFORD (HANTS. AND DORSET)

No. 122

If we are moving from a period of general agitational party activities into a period of specific attack upon complex social problems which cannot be solved by incantation we believe that the Executive should consider the functions of the draft resolutions as an organiser of discussions on the grounds that:

- (a) it does not lay sufficient emphasis upon specific issues in contemporary politics, e.g. immigration, regional planning, methods of increasing social ownership, thereby handicapping public presentation.
- (b) it is such an amalgamation of traditional policy, social comment, and new policy that it requires a great deal of political experience to assimilate it and criticise it.
- (c) it is an extremely difficult document to amend.

FOREST HILL (LONDON)

No. 123

"That Congress refers back the Draft Political Resolution on the following grounds:

1. That it is so vague and rambling a document it is not possible to correct it by amendment.
2. That it seeks to extend the already unhealthy over-emphasis on electioneering.
3. It fails to appraise the role of Social Democracy in the Labour Movement.
4. That it perpetuates by assumption the false idea that the British Road to Socialism is a Marxist policy document.
5. That, whilst the habitual lip-service is paid to the need for more factory branches, they are regarded in practice as merely an appendage to the Party's electoral campaign.
6. That the ideological differences in the world movement and the collateral divisions of opinion within National Parties are hastily papered over with the 1957 Declaration and the 1960 Statement."

SMITHS OXGATE LANE BRANCH (LONDON)

THE RESOLUTION ON THE SOCIAL SERVICES

No. 124

Congress accepts the draft resolution on the Future of the Social Services as a plan for their development in a socialist Britain, but calls for the formulation of separate proposals capable of achievement within the framework of the existing economy, that an order of priorities be stated, that the costs be estimated and due consideration be given to the economic and political consequences of implementing the proposals.

HANTS AND DORSET DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No. 125

We urge Congress to include in the Social Services Resolution a number of immediate demands, including those for the implementation of Social Services provisions which are already on the Statute Book.

CHINGFORD AND WOODFORD (SOUTH ESSEX)

No. 126

Congress regrets that the Social Services Resolution does not give a sufficiently Marxist analysis of the questions involved. It fails to differentiate clearly enough between an immediate policy to unite the widest sections and the solutions to the problems of cities, planning, traffic, health, education, housing and cultural amenities, which can only be solved by a Socialist transformation of our society.

BRIXTON (LONDON)

No. 127

This branch, considering that the Social Services Resolution contains too little in the way of constructive plans in the various fields, moves that the E.C. take steps to ensure that the various sub-committees meet and, taking "The Future of the Social Services" as a general policy guide, consider and produce a detailed and specific programme for each of the fields covered by the resolution. These programmes to be issued as a series of pamphlets.

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